



**FOR THE ATTENTION OF MEMBERS OF THE SOCIAL, HEALTH AND FAMILY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**Secretariat of the Parliamentary Assembly**

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**The Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee**, meeting in Paris on Friday morning, 16 September 2011, with Ms Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC), in the Chair:

As regards:

- *Combating "child pornography" as part of the campaign to stop sexual violence against children:* (Rapporteur: Mr Conde Bajén, Spain, EPP/CD): upon the proposal of the Rapporteur, decided to change the title to: *Combating "child abuse images" through committed, transversal and internationally coordinated action*; considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation;
- *The activities of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in 2010-2011* (Rapporteur for opinion: Ms Karamanli, France, SOC): considered and approved a contribution as amended;
- *Prenatal sex selection* (Rapporteur for opinion: Mr Xuclà i Costa, Spain, ALDE): considered and approved an opinion as amended;
- *Nanotechnologies, a new danger to the environment?* (Rapporteur for opinion: Mr Flynn, United Kingdom, SOC): held an exchange of views with Professor Ilise Feitshans, visiting scientist at the University of Lausanne;
- *What can Europe do for children in the aftermath of natural disasters and crisis situations: the example of Haiti* (Rapporteur: Ms Hostalier, France, EPP/CD): upon the proposal of the Rapporteur, decided to change the title to: *What can Europe do for children in the aftermath of natural disasters and crisis situations: the examples of Haiti and Afghanistan*; considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution as amended;
- *Living wills and the protection of health and human rights* (Rapporteur: Mr Xuclà i Costa, Spain, ALDE): upon the proposal of the Rapporteur, decided to change the title to: *Protecting human rights and dignity by taking into account previously expressed wishes of patients*; considered an introductory memorandum;
- *Update on the ONE in FIVE Campaign to stop sexual violence against children*: heard a statement by the Chairperson;

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cc. Secretary General of the Assembly  
Director General, Directors and all staff of the Secretariat of the Assembly  
Secretaries of National Delegations and of Political Groups of the Assembly  
Secretaries of observer and partner for democracy delegations  
Secretary General of the Congress  
Secretary to the Committee of Ministers  
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Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe  
Director of the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights  
Director of Communication  
Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe

- *Preparation of the meetings to be held in Florence on 17 and 18 November 2011:* heard a statement by the Chairperson;

- *Draft Council of Europe Strategy on the Rights of the Child for the years 2012-2015:* heard a statement by the Chairperson who informed members of the possibility to send comments on the draft strategy to the Secretariat (if possible before 20 September 2011);

- *Committee's work programme:*

*Appointment of rapporteurs:* postponed the appointment of Rapporteurs until the October 2011 part-session;

*Appointment of committee representatives to external events:* appointed:

✓ Ms Carina Ohlsson (Sweden, SOC) to take part in the European Committee for Social Rights conference on "The Social Charter of the Council of Europe: 50 years and after?", Paris, 23 September 2011;

✓ Ms Marlene Rupprecht (Germany, SOC) to take part in the 21st Session of the Congress: Debate "The fight to eradicate sexual abuse of children: Council of Europe ONE in FIVE Campaign to stop sexual violence against children", Strasbourg, 18 October 2011;

✓ Ms Carina Ohlsson (Sweden, SOC) to take part in the brainstorming on the ratification of the Collective Complaints procedure in the framework of the ceremonies for the 50th anniversary of the European Social Charter, Strasbourg, 18 October 2011;

- *Other business:*

✓ Changes in the composition of Sub-Committees:

Mr Schennach (Austria, SOC) becomes a member of the Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter and Employment;

Mr Katrinis (Greece, SOC) gave up his seat as an alternate of the Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter and Employment and becomes an alternate of the Sub-Committee on Children (replacing Ms Kefalidou);

Ms Kefalidou (Greece, SOC) gave up her seat as alternate of the Sub-Committee on Children and becomes an alternate in the Sub-Committee of the European Social Charter and Employment (replacing Mr Katrinis);

✓ was informed of meeting of the Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter and Employment, Strasbourg, 6 October with the participation of Mr Luis Jimena Quesada, President of the European Committee of Social Rights;

✓ agreed to a request by Mr Volontè (Italy, EPP/CD) to ask the Bureau to hold a current affairs debate during the October part-session on "How can Council of Europe member states come to the aid of countries touched by humanitarian catastrophe such as those in East Africa?";

- *Date and place of next meetings:*

Plenary committee:

- Fourth part-session 2011 of the Assembly, 3-7 October 2011, Strasbourg;
- Friday, 18 November 2011, Florence, Italy.

Network of Contact parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against children:

- Wednesday, 5 October 2011 at 2 pm, Strasbourg;
- Thursday, 17 November 2011, Florence, Italy.

Sub-Committee on Children:

- Tuesday, 4 October 2011, Strasbourg (joint meeting with the Sub-Committee on Migration) at 8.30 am
- Thursday, 6 October 2011 at 9 am, Strasbourg
- Sunday, 20 November and Monday, 21 November 2011, Monaco.

Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter and Employment:

- Thursday, 6 October 2011 at 2 pm, Strasbourg.

**Resuming its meeting on Friday, 16 September 2011, in the afternoon**, with Ms Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC) in the Chair:

- *Hearing: Putting an end to coercive sterilisations and castrations* (Rapporteur: Ms Maury Pasquier, Switzerland, SOC) : held a hearing with the participation of:

- ✓ Ms Gwendolyn Albert, NGO activist, Czech Republic;
- ✓ Mr Stefan Krakowski, member of the Council of Europe Anti-Torture Committee (CPT), Sweden;
- ✓ Dr David Gerber, Consultant Psychiatrist, National Health Service (NHS) Greater Glasgow and Clyde, United Kingdom;
- ✓ Ms Bernadette Gächter, survivor of a forced sterilisation, Switzerland.

Tanja Kleinsorge, Maren Lambrecht-Feigl, Angela Garabagiu