



**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 Florence on Thursday 17 November 2011, with Ms Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC) in the Chair:

As regards:

- *5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the network of contact parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against children*: was informed about the recent and upcoming activities in connection with the Council of Europe ONE in FIVE Campaign to stop sexual violence against children, heard general presentations from representatives, notably from Ms Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe and members of the Parliamentary Assembly on the prevention of sexual violence against children and good national practice and held an exchange of views with the following national and international experts in this field:

- . Alessandra Maggi, President of the "Istituto degli Innocenti";
- . Gordon Alexander, Director of Research, UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre (IRC);
- . Fiamma Nirenstein, member of the Parliamentary Assembly and contact parliamentarian for Italy;
- . Andrew Mawson, Chief of the Child Protection Division, UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre (IRC);
- . Gordana Berjan, Programme Officer "Building a Europe for and with children";
- . Dusica Davidovic (Serbia), Thematic Rapporteur of the Congress on children;
- . Martha Leticia Sosa Govea, contact parliamentarian for Mexico;
- . Luigi Vitali, Chairperson of the Italian delegation to PACE;
- . Marlene Rupperecht, contact parliamentarian for Germany;
- . Maria de Belém Roseira, contact parliamentarian for Portugal;
- . Vasco Prazeres, Portuguese Directorate General of Health;
- . Cinzia Grassi, Head Doctor (paediatrician), Department of the Italian Police, Prime Minister's Office / Expert with the Childhood and Adolescence Observatory;
- . Professor Ernesto Caffo, President, S.O.S. Il Telefono Azzurro Onlus, Chair of Child Neuropsychiatry, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia;
- . Emmanuelle Granzotti, specialist in legal psychology, in charge of the programme to prevent sexual abuse of children in the canton of Geneva, Switzerland;
- . Donata Bianchi, researcher at the "Istituto degli Innocenti";
- . Don Fortunato di Noto, Priest, Chairperson of the Meter Association against paedophilia;
- . Michael Connarty, contact parliamentarian for the United Kingdom;

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cc. Secretary General of the Assembly  
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Secretaries of observer and partner for democracy delegations  
Secretary General of the Congress  
Secretary to the Committee of Ministers  
Directors General  
Special Representative of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe for Organisational Development and Reform  
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

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As regards:

- *5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the network of contact parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against children*: heard a statement by the Chairperson on the Network meeting held on 17 November 2011 in Florence;
- *Sub-Committee on Children*: heard a statement by the Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on the meetings held in Strasbourg on 4 and 6 October 2011;
- *Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter and Employment*: heard a statement by the Chairperson of the Committee on the meeting held in Strasbourg on 6 October 2011;
- *Exchange of views with experts of the UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre (IRC)*: held an exchange of views on topics related to children's rights and to current reports of the Committee:
  - . *Intercountry adoption: ensuring that the best interests of the child are upheld* (Rapporteur: Ms Rupprecht, Germany, SOC): considered an introductory memorandum and held an exchange of views with the participation of Andrew Mawson, Chief of the Child Protection Division, UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre (IRC);
  - . *Fighting "child sex tourism" through committed legal and political action* (Rapporteur : Mr Omtzigt, Netherlands, EPP/CD): in the absence of the rapporteur, considered an outline report and held an exchange of views with the participation of Jasmina Byrne, Child Protection Specialist, UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre (IRC);
  - . *Independent human rights institutions for children: their contribution to Building a Europe for and with Children*: held an exchange of views with the participation of Vanessa Sedletzki, Child Rights Specialist, UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre (IRC);
- *Psychological violence* (Rapporteur: Ms Rupprecht, Germany, SOC): considered, amended and approved unanimously a draft opinion as amended;
- *Decent pensions for all following the economic and financial crisis* (Rapporteur: Mr Jacquat, France, EPP/CD): considered an introductory memorandum;
- *What Europe can do for children in the aftermath of natural disasters and crisis situations: the examples of Haiti and Afghanistan* (Rapporteur: Ms Hostalier, France, EPP/CD): unanimously approved the amendments submitted by the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population;
- *The impact of increasing social exclusion on democratic institutions and participation: need for strong action* (Rapporteur: Ms Kaufer, Hungary, SOC): heard a statement by the rapporteur and held an exchange of views with Mr Bálint Misetics, consultant expert;
- *Austerity measures – a danger for democracy and social rights* (Rapporteur: Mr Hunko, Germany, UEL): considered an outline report;
- Committee's work programme:
  - ✓ held an exchange of views on "Living together in 21st-century Europe: follow-up to the report of the Group of Eminent Persons of the Council of Europe" and approved the proposals of the Chairperson;
  - ✓ held an exchange of views on the contribution by the current Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee to the priorities of the new Social, Health and Sustainable Development Committee in 2012, and approved proposals to be made to the New Committee;

- ✓ appointed the following rapporteurs:
  - Mr Schennach (Austria, SOC) for “Child friendly justice”;
  - Mr Agius (Malta, EPP/CD) for « Equal access to health care”(working title);
  - Mr Connarty (United Kingdom, SOC) rapporteur for opinion on “The protection of minors against sectarian influence”;
  - Ms Kaufer (Hungary, SOC) rapporteur for opinion on “The erosion of confidence in democracy and possible responses”;

and heard their declaration of non-conflict of interest;
- ✓ appointed Mr Marquet (Monaco, ALDE) to participate in the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Committee of experts on trafficking in human organs, tissues and cells, Strasbourg, 13-16 December 2011;
- ✓ considered the reply of the Committee of Ministers to the Recommendation on “Children without parental care: urgent need for action” and held an exchange of views with the participation of Anna Nordenmark Severinsson, Child protection Specialist, UNICEF CEE/CIS Regional Office, Geneva;
- ✓ heard reports from:
  - . Ms Rupprecht (Germany, SOC) who took part in the 1st meeting of the Committee of the Parties to the Council of Europe Convention on the protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse, Strasbourg, 20-21 September 2011;
  - . Ms Ohlsson (Sweden, SOC) who took 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, 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 and in the 21<sup>st</sup> 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;
  - . Mr Schennach (Austria, SOC) who took part in the Regional conference on “Stopping sexual violence against children”, Zagreb, Croatia, 27-28 October 2011 ;
- *Changes in the composition of Sub-Committees:* approved the following changes:
 

Ms Marković (Bosnia-Herzégovina, SOC) becomes member of the Sub-Committee on Children;
- *Date and place of next meetings:*

Network of Contact parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against children:

  - First part-session 2012 of the Assembly, 23-27 January, Strasbourg.

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**The Sub-Committee on Children**, meeting in Monaco *at the Grimaldi Forum, 10 Avenue Princesse Grace* on Sunday 20 and Monday 21 November 2011, with Ms Ohlsson (Sweden, SOC) in the Chair:

As regards:

- *Building a child-friendly Europe: Turning a vision into reality*: participated in the international high-level conference on the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child 2012-2015, under the Presidency of H.R.H. the Princess of Hanover, co-organised by the Council of Europe and the Principality of Monaco;
- *The effective implementation of strategies for the protection of children: the interaction between public authorities, the private sector and civil society*: held a high-level round table on this subject with the participation of representatives of the parliament, government and NGOs from Monaco on the occasion of the launch of the parliamentary dimension of the Council of Europe ONE in FIVE Campaign to stop sexual violence against children in Monaco;
- *Date and place of its next meeting*:

To be determined.

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