



**FOR THE ATTENTION OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL AFFAIRS,
HEALTH AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

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The Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, meeting in Strasbourg on Monday, 23 January 2012 with first Mr Flynn (United Kingdom, SOC), senior member present, and then Ms Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC) in the Chair:

As regards:

- *Composition of the Committee's Bureau*: elected by acclamation:¹
 - Ms Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC) Chairperson;
 - Mr Papadimoulis (Greece, UEL) first Vice-Chairperson;
 - Mr Marquet (Monaco, ALDE) second Vice-Chairperson;

- *Work programme, priorities and working structures*: held an exchange of views on the Committee's work programme, its priorities and its working structures (Sub-Committees, General Rapporteurships);

Resuming its meeting on Tuesday, 24 January 2012 in the morning with Ms Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC) in the Chair:

- *Work programme, priorities and working structures*: decided on its work programme and priorities, and decided to set up the following Sub-Committees:
 - Sub-Committee on Social and Economic Rights;
 - Sub-Committee on Environment and Energy;
 - Sub-Committee on Public Health;
 - Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize;

¹ At its meeting on 27 January 2012, the Bureau decided:

- . to ask the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs to provide an interpretation of the procedure for the establishment of the order of precedence of Vice-Chairpersons of Committees and to report back to the Bureau;
- . pending the reply from the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs, to invite the Assembly committees not to apply an order of precedence of the elected Vice-Chairpersons.

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
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

and to propose the creation of the following General Rapporteurships:

- General Rapporteur on Children;
 - General Rapporteur on Local and Regional Authorities;
- *Composition of the Committee's Bureau*: elected by acclamation:²
- Mr Ghilechi (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD), third Vice-Chairperson;
- *Austerity measures – a danger for democracy and social rights* (Rapporteur: Mr Hunko, Germany, UEL): held a hearing with the participation of:
- Mr Heiner Flassbeck, Director of the Division on Globalization and Development Strategies, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
 - Ms Rebeca Mayorga Fernández, Audiovisual Journalist and student, Madrid (member of the *Indignado* movement)
 - Ms Sonia Mitralia, Women's Initiatives against Debt and austerity measures, Committee against Debt, CADTM, Greece

Resuming its meeting on Tuesday, 24 January 2012 in the afternoon with Ms Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC) in the Chair:

- *6th meeting of the PACE network of contact parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against children*: held an exchange of views on the theme: "Means to redress and eliminate sexual violence against children", with the participation of:
- Mr Thomas Hammarberg, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe
 - Mr Eric Ruelle, Magistrate and Chairperson of the Committee of the Parties to the Lanzarote Convention

held an exchange of views on the achievements and the prospects of the ONE in FIVE Council of Europe Campaign with the participation of:

- Ms Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe
- Mr Jean-Claude Frécon, President of the Chamber of Local Authorities of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities

Resuming its meeting on Wednesday, 25 January 2012 in the afternoon with Ms Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC), and Mr Marquet (Monaco, ALDE) in the Chair:

- *Protecting human rights and dignity by taking into account previously expressed wishes of patients* (Rapporteur: Mr Xuclà i Costa, Spain, ALDE): took position on the amendments tabled;
- *Decent pensions for all following the economic and financial crisis* (Rapporteur: Mr Jacquat, France, EPP/CD): considered a revised introductory memorandum in the absence of the Rapporteur;
- *Declaration on water*: adopted a declaration as a contribution to the 6th World Water Forum;
- *Putting an end to coercive sterilisations and castrations* (Rapporteur: Ms Maury Pasquier, Switzerland, SOC): considered an outline report and authorised a fact-finding visit of the Rapporteur to Sweden and the Czech Republic;

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- *Committee's work programme*: approved the merger of the following reports :

. Investing in low-carbon economy for growth and development
+ Energy diversification, a common European economic interest
+ Offshore wind farms: an economic and ecological opportunity for Europe
= *working title*: **Energy diversification as a fundamental contribution to sustainable development**
and decided to appoint Ms Barnett (Germany, SOC) Rapporteur on the merged report;

. Unfair economic competition by third world countries: social dumping
+ Securing decent work for all
= *working title*: **Decent work for all: combating social dumping**
and decided to appoint Mr Vercamer (Belgium, EPP/CD) Rapporteur on the merged report;

Resuming its meeting on Thursday 26 January 2012 in the afternoon, with Ms Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC) in the Chair:

- *Committee's work programme*: appointed the following rapporteurs:

For report:

- Restoring social justice through a tax on financial transactions: Ms Naghdalyan (Armenia, ALDE);
- The administrative organisation of large metropolises: a key to strengthening local democracy in Europe: Mr Donaldson (United Kingdom, EDG);
- Equal access to health care (*working title*): Mr Lorrain (France, EPP/CD);
- Fighting "child sex tourism" through committed legal and political action: Mr Ghiletschi (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD), *subject to a declaration of absence of conflict of interest*;
- Food security and the environment: Mr Marquet (Monaco, ALDE);
- The young generation sacrificed: political, social, economic and other consequences of the financial crisis: Mr Volontè (Italy, EPP/CD);

For opinion:

- Parental leave as a way to foster gender equality: Ms Ohlsson (Sweden, SOC);
- The protection of minors against sectarian influence: Mr Volontè (Italy, EPP/CD);

and heard from all of them (with the exception of Mr Ghiletschi) a declaration on the absence of a conflict of interest;

Appointed the following committee representatives to external events:

- Ms Blondin (France, SOC) for the European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity – Council of Europe, North-South Centre;
- Sir Alan Meale (United Kingdom, SOC) Meeting of the Current Affairs Committee of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, Strasbourg, 8 February 2012;
- Ms Rupprecht (Germany, SOC), Seminar to explore the local and regional dimensions of the Council of Europe ONE in FIVE Campaign to stop sexual violence against children and to launch the Strategic Action Plan for the Congress, Strasbourg, 9 February 2012 ;
- 6th World Water Forum, Marseille, 12-17 March 2012: instructed the Chairperson to ask the Bureau to allow an enlarged representation of the Committee at the World Water Forum, either authorising a delegation of a maximum of three members to attend (at the expense of the Assembly), or authorising the constitution of an ad hoc Sub-Committee to participate in the Forum, to be constituted with one representative of each of the five political groups (at the expense of the parliaments concerned); Mr Marquet (Monaco, ALDE), to be appointed part of the delegation in any case, in his capacity as former Rapporteur on water issues;

- *Constitution of its Sub-Committees:* decided to constitute its sub-committees as follows:

Sub-Committee on Social and Economic Rights

1.	Ms	Silvia Eloïsa BONET PEROT	Andorra / <i>Andorre</i>		ZZ...
2.	Ms	Hermine NAGHDALYAN	Armenia / <i>Arménie</i>	Mr	Gagik BAGHDASARYAN
3.	Mr	Stefan SCHENNACH	Austria / <i>Autriche</i>		ZZ...
4.	Mr	Stefaan VERCAMER	Belgium / <i>Belgique</i>	Mr	Dirk VAN DER MAELEN
			Bosnia and Herzegovina / <i>Bosnie-Herzégovine</i>		ZZ...
5.	Ms	Borjana KRISTO			ZZ...
6.	Mr	Margus HANSON	Estonia / <i>Estonie</i>		ZZ...
7.	Mr	Jouko SKINNARI	Finland / <i>Finlande</i>		ZZ...
8.	Ms	Maryvonne BLONDIN	France	Mr	Denis JACQUAT
9.	Mr	Bernd SIEBERT	Germany / <i>Allemagne</i>	Mr	Erich Georg FRITZ
10.	Mr	Dimitrios PAPANIMOLIS	Greece / <i>Grèce</i>	Mr	Konstantinos VRETTOS
11.	Mr	Luca VOLONTE	Italy / <i>Italie</i>	Mr	Oreste TOFANI
12.	Ms	Deirdre CLUNE	Ireland / <i>Irlande</i>	Mr	Joe O'REILLY
13.	Ms	Birute VESAITE	Lithuania / <i>Lituanie</i>		ZZ...
14.	Mr	Marc SPAUTZ	Luxembourg	Mr	Fernand BODEN
15.	Ms	Nicole MANZONE-SAQUET	Monaco		ZZ...
			Republic of Moldova / <i>République de Moldova</i>	Ms	Liliana PALIHOVICI
16.	Mr	Valeriu GHILETCHI	Montenegro		ZZ...
17.	Mr	Zoran VUKCEVIC			ZZ...
18.	Mr	Tuur ELZINGA	Netherlands / <i>Pays-Bas</i>	Mr	Joris BACKER
19.	Ms	Mirosława NYKIEL	Poland / <i>Pologne</i>		ZZ...
20.	Ms	Maria DE BELEM ROSEIRA	Portugal		ZZ...
21.	Mr	Relu FENECHIU	Romania / <i>Roumanie</i>	Mr	Ionuț STROE
			Russian Federation / <i>Fédération de Russie</i>		ZZ...
22.	Ms	Svetlana GORYACHEVA			ZZ...
23.	Mr	Agustín CONDE	Spain / <i>Espagne</i>	Mr	Jordi XUCLA
24.	Ms	Carina OHLSSON	Sweden / <i>Suède</i>	Mr	Mikael OSCARSSON
25.	Mr	Urs SCHWALLER	Switzerland / <i>Suisse</i>	Mr	Luc RECORDON
26.	Mr	Burhan KAYATÜRK	Turkey / <i>Turquie</i>		ZZ...
			United Kingdom / <i>Royaume-Uni</i>	Mr	Brian BINLEY
27.	Mr	Mike HANCOCK			ZZ...
28.		ZZ...			ZZ...

ex officio Ms MAURY PASQUIER (Chairperson, Switzerland)

Sub-Committee on Environment and Energy

1.	Ms	Hermine NAGHDALYAN	Armenia / <i>Arménie</i>	Mr	Gagik BAGHDASARYAN
2.	Mr	Stefan SCHENNACH	Austria / <i>Autriche</i>		ZZ...
3.	Mr	Guy COËME	Belgium / <i>Belgique</i>	Mr	Dirk VAN DER MAELEN
			Czech Republic / <i>République tchèque</i>		ZZ...
4.	Ms	Katerina KONECNA			ZZ...
5.	Mr	Margus HANSON	Estonia / <i>Estonie</i>		ZZ...
6.	Ms	Sirkka-Liisa ANTTILA	Finland / <i>Finlande</i>	Mr	Jouko SKINNARI
7.	Ms	Christine MARIN	France	Mr	Jean-Paul LECOQ
8.	Ms	Doris BARNETT	Germany / <i>Allemagne</i>	Mr	Erich Georg FRITZ
9.	Mr	Dimitrios PAPANIMOLIS	Greece / <i>Grèce</i>		Elsa PAPANIMITRIOU
10.	Mr	Marton BRAUN	Hungary / <i>Hongrie</i>		ZZ...
11.	Mr	Mario BARBI	Italy / <i>Italie</i>	Mr	Giacomo STUCCHI
12.	Mr	Joe O'REILLY	Ireland / <i>Irlande</i>	Ms	Deirdre CLUNE
13.	Ms	Birute VESAITE	Lithuania / <i>Lituanie</i>		ZZ...
14.	Mr	Fernand BODEN	Luxembourg	Mr	Marc SPAUTZ
15.	Mr	Joseph FALZON	Malta / <i>Malte</i>		ZZ...

16.	Mr	Bernard MARQUET	Monaco		ZZ...
17.	Mr	Obrad GOJKOVIC	Montenegro		ZZ...
18.	Ms	Ankie BROEKERS-KNOL	Netherlands / <i>Pays-Bas</i>	Mr	Joris BACKER
19.	Mr	Łukasz ZBONIKOWSKI	Poland / <i>Pologne</i>	Ms	Mirosława NYKIEL
20.	Mr	José MENDES BOTA	Portugal		ZZ...
21.	Mr	Cezar Florin PREDA	Romania / <i>Roumanie</i>	Mr	Iosif Veniamin BLAGA
			Russian Federation /		
22.	Mr	Valeriy SUDARENKOV	<i>Fédération de Russie</i>		ZZ...
23.	Ms	Meritxell BATET	Spain / <i>Espagne</i>	Mr	Agustín CONDE
24.	Mr	Mikael OSCARSSON	Sweden / <i>Suède</i>	Ms	Carina OHLSSON
25.	Mr	Luc RECORDON	Switzerland / <i>Suisse</i>	Mr	André BUGNON
26.	Mrs	Pelin Gündeş BAKIR	Turkey / <i>Turquie</i>		ZZ...
			United Kingdom /		
27.		Lord PRESCOTT	<i>Royaume-Uni</i>	Mr	Alan MEALE
28.		ZZ...			ZZ...

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Sub-Committee on Public Health

1.	Ms	Silvia Eloïsa BONET PEROT	Andorra / <i>Andorre</i>		ZZ...
2.	Ms	Cindy FRANSSSEN	Belgium / <i>Belgique</i>	Mr	Guy COËME
			Bosnia and Herzegovina /		
3.	Ms	Milica MARKOVIC	<i>Bosnie-Herzégovine</i>		ZZ...
4.	Ms	Stella KYRIAKIDOU	Cyprus / <i>Chypre</i>		ZZ...
5.	Ms	Sirkka-Liisa ANTTILA	Finland / <i>Finlande</i>		ZZ...
6.	Mr	Jean-Louis LORRAIN	France		ZZ...
7.	Ms	Marlene RUPPRECHT	Germany / <i>Allemagne</i>		ZZ...
8.	Mr	Konstantinos VRETTOS	Greece / <i>Grèce</i>	Mr	Michail KATRINIS
9.	Mr	Federico BRICOLO	Italy / <i>Italie</i>	Mr	Gianni FARINA
			Republic of Moldova /		
10.	Ms	Liliana PALIHOVICI	<i>Republic of Moldova</i>		ZZ...
11.	Mr	Bernard MARQUET	Monaco		ZZ...
12.	Ms	Khadija ARIB	Netherlands / <i>Pays-Bas</i>	Ms	Ankie BROEKERS-KNOL
13.	Mr	Mihai TUDOSE	Romania / <i>Roumanie</i>	Mr	Florin IORDACHE
14.	Ms	Delia BLANCO	Spain / <i>Espagne</i>	Ms	Meritxell BATET
					Marietta DE POURBAIX-LUNDIN
15.	Mr	Lennart AXELSSON	Sweden / <i>Suède</i>	Ms	LUNDIN
16.	Mr	André BUGNON	Switzerland / <i>Suisse</i>		ZZ...
17.	Mr	Ertuğrul KÜRKÇÜ	Turkey / <i>Turquie</i>		ZZ...
			United Kingdom /		
18.	Mr	Jeffrey DONALDSON	<i>Royaume-Uni</i>	Mr	Jim DOBBIN
19.		ZZ...			ZZ...
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Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize

1. GROZDANOVA, Dzhema (Ms)	Bulgaria	ZZ...
2. FRECON, Jean-Claude (Mr)	France	MARIN, Christine (Ms)
3. FISCHER, Axel (Mr)	Germany	FRITZ, Erich Georg (Mr)
4. HUNKO, Andrej (Mr)	Germany	ZZ...
5. PAPADIMOULIS, Dimitrios (Mr)	Greece	ZZ...
6. VRETTOS, Konstantinos (Mr)	Greece	ZZ...
7. O'REILLY, Joe (Mr)	Ireland	ZZ...
8. TOFANI, Oreste (Mr)	Italy	BARBI, Mario (Mr)
9. ALZON, Joseph (Mr)	Malta	ZZ...
10. MARQUET, Bernard (Mr)	Monaco	ZZ...
11. KOX, Tiny (Mr)	Netherlands	ZZ...
12. NYKIEL, Mirosława (Ms)	Poland	ZZ...
13. MENDES BOTA, José (Mr)	Portugal	ZZ...
14. PREDA, Cezar Florin (Mr)	Roumanie	BLAGA, Iosif (Mr)
15. OHLSSON, Carina (Ms)	Sweden	ZZ...
16. SCHWALLER, Urs (Mr)	Suisse	ZZ...
17. MEALE, Alan (Sir)	United Kingdom	DUNDEE, Alexander (Earl of)
18. BINLEY, Brian (Mr)	United Kingdom	FLYNN, Paul (Mr)
19. DOBBIN, Jim (Mr)	United Kingdom	DONALDSON, Jeffrey (Mr)

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- *Counterfeiting of medicines*: heard a presentation by Dr Susanne Keitel, Director of the European Directorate for the Quality of Medicines & Healthcare (EDQM) on the eTACT project;

- *Protecting human rights and dignity by taking into account previously expressed wishes of patients* (Rapporteur: Mr Xuclà i Costa, Spain, ALDE): instructed the Chairperson to draw the attention of the Bureau to the way the debate on "protecting human rights and dignity by taking into account previously expressed wishes of patients" had been held, inform it of its discontent, and ask it to ensure that, in future, enough time be allocated for a dignified debate to be held on such sensitive subjects;

- *Date and place of next meetings*: confirmed the following meeting dates:

Plenary committee:

- Thursday, 22 March 2012 and Friday 23 March 2012 in Paris (Council of Europe office);
- Second part-session 2012 of the Assembly, 23-27 April 2012, Strasbourg;
- Tuesday, 22 May 2012 in Paris (Council of Europe office);
- Third part-session 2012 of the Assembly, 25-29 June 2012, Strasbourg;
- Wednesday, 12 September 2012, Paris (Council of Europe office) (*to be confirmed*);
- Fourth part-session 2012 of the Assembly, 1-5 October 2012, Strasbourg.

Sub-Committees:

- Sub-Committee on Social and Economic Rights, Friday afternoon, 23 March 2012, Paris;
- Sub-Committee on Environment and Energy, Friday afternoon, 23 March 2012, Paris;
- Sub-Committee on Public Health, Friday afternoon, 23 March 2012, Paris;
- Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize, Thursday, 29 March 2012, Berlin.

Network of contact parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against children:

- Second part-session 2012 of the Assembly, 25 April 2012 (*to be confirmed*), Strasbourg;
- Third part-session 2012 of the Assembly, 27 June 2012 (*to be confirmed*), Strasbourg.

The Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize, meeting in Strasbourg on 26 January 2012, with first Mr Dobbin (United Kingdom, SOC), senior member present, and then Sir Meale (United Kingdom, SOC), in the Chair:

- elected Sir Meale (United Kingdom, SOC), Chairperson by acclamation;
- elected Mr Fischer (Germany, EPP/CD), Vice-Chairperson by acclamation;

Date and place of the next meeting: Thursday, 29 March 2012, Berlin.

The Sub-Committee on Social and Economic Rights, meeting in Strasbourg on 26 January 2012, with Ms Ohlsson (Sweden, SOC), senior member present elected Chairperson, in the Chair:

- elected Ms Ohlsson (Sweden, SOC), Chairperson by acclamation;
- elected Mr Vercamer (Belgium, EPP/CD), Vice-Chairperson by acclamation;

Date and place of the next meeting: Friday afternoon, 23 March 2012, Paris.

The Sub-Committee on Environment and Energy, meeting in Strasbourg on 26 January 2012, with Ms Marin (France, EPP/CD), senior member present elected Chairperson, in the Chair:

- elected Ms Marin (France, EPP/CD), Chairperson by acclamation;
- postponed the election of the Vice-Chairperson;

Date and place of the next meeting: Friday afternoon, 23 March 2012, Paris.

The Sub-Committee on Public Health, meeting in Strasbourg on 26 January 2012, with Mr Lorrain (France, EPP/CD), senior member present in the Chair:

- took note of a candidature put forward and postponed the election of the Chairperson;
- took note of two candidatures put forward and postponed the election of the Vice-Chairperson;

Date and place of the next meeting: Friday afternoon, 23 March 2012, Paris.

Tanja Kleinsorge, Aiste Ramanauskaite, Maren Lambrecht-Feigl, Philippine Farges