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To the members of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development

Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris on 7 September 2012

The Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, meeting in Paris with Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Restoring social justice through a tax on financial transactions** (*Rapporteur: Ms Hermine Naghdalyan, Armenia, ALDE*): held an exchange of views with the participation of Professor Dorothea Schäfer, Research Director at the German Institute for Economic Research (DIW Berlin), considered a draft report and adopted a draft resolution with a view to submitting the report for debate in the Assembly during the 4th part-session of 2012;
- **Nanotechnologies, a new danger to the environment?** (*Rapporteur: Mr Valeriy Sudarenkov, Russian Federation, SOC*): considered a draft report and decided to change the title to “Nanotechnology: balancing benefits and risks to public health and the environment” upon suggestion of the Rapporteur;
- **Intercountry adoption: ensuring that the best interests of the child are upheld** (*Rapporteur: Ms Marlene Rupprecht, Germany, SOC*): considered a draft report and decided to add further points to the draft resolution before proceeding to its adoption at the next meeting with a view to submitting the report for debate in the Standing Committee in November 2012;
- **Activities of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in 2011-2012** (*Rapporteur for opinion: Mr Marton Braun, Hungary, EPP/CD*): in the absence of the Rapporteur, considered a preliminary draft opinion;
- **Status of chairpersons of political groups in Assembly committees**: held an exchange of views and took position on the proposals made;
- **Fighting “child sex tourism” through committed legal and political action** (*Rapporteur: Mr Valeriu Ghiletschi, Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD*): considered an introductory memorandum;
- **Decent work for all: combating social dumping** (*Rapporteur: Mr Stefaan Vercaemer, Belgium, EPP/CD*): held an exchange of views on the basis of an outline report;
- **Update on the Council of Europe ONE in FIVE campaign**: heard a statement from the Chairperson;
- **Committee’s work programme and priorities**:
 - **Texts transmitted to the Committee for information**: took note of the following motion:
 - ✓ Fathers and their influence on children’s well-being;

- **Representation of the Committee to external events:** made the following appointments:

- Mr Denis Jacquat (France, EPP/CD) to take part in the 2nd meeting of the drafting Group on the human rights of the older persons (CDDH-AGE), Strasbourg, 24-26 September 2012 (*subject to the availability of funds*);
- Mrs Carina Ohlsson (Sweden, SOC) to take part in the meeting of the European Committee for Social Cohesion (CDCS), Istanbul, 10 October 2012;
- Mr Jean-Louis Lorrain (France, EPP/CD) to take part in the Conference on the occasion of the International Day for the eradication of poverty, "Building Europe through Human Rights: Acting Together against Extreme Poverty", Strasbourg, 17 October 2012;
- Sir Alan Meale (United Kingdom, SOC) to take part in the 23rd Congress of Local and Regional Authorities session, Strasbourg, 16-18 October 2012.

- **Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize:** heard an account from the Sub-Committee's Chairperson on meetings held in Sighisoara (Romania) on 21-22 July 2012 and in Corciano (Italy) on 12 August 2012;

- **Reply of the Committee of Ministers:** welcomed the reply of the Committee of Ministers to the Recommendation on: "Protecting human rights and dignity by taking into account previously expressed wishes";

- **National developments:** discussed a press release by Nils Muižnieks, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights on "Portugal: Austerity measures threaten the most vulnerable";

- **Next meetings:**

Plenary committee:

- . Fourth part-session 2012 of the Assembly, 1-5 October 2012, Strasbourg;
- . Monday, 19 and Tuesday, 20 November 2012, Moscow, Russian Federation.

PACE network of contact parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against children:

- . Fourth part-session 2012 of the Assembly, 3 October 2012, Strasbourg;
- . Tuesday, 20 November 2012, Moscow, Russian Federation.

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