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

# Synopsis of the meeting held in Moscow on 19-20 November 2012

**The Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development**, meeting in Moscow with Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC) in the Chair, on Monday 19 November 2012, as regards:

- Equal access to health care (Rapporteur: Mr Jean-Louis Lorrain, France, EPP/CD): in the absence of the Rapporteur:
  - . held an exchange of views on the basis of an introductory note with the participation of:
  - Prof. Dr. Heinz-Jochen Zenker MPH, President of Doctors of the World, Germany
  - Ms Lialia Gabbasova, Ministry of Health, Russian Federation
  - Mr Serguey Kalashnikov, Chairperson of the Committee of Public Health, Russian State Duma
  - Mr Michael Ugryumov, Academician of the Academy of Sciences of the Russian Federation
  - . authorised a visit to Greece, requested by Mr Jean-Louis Lorrain in the framework of his report;
- Towards a Council of Europe Convention to combat trafficking in organs, tissues and cells of human origin (Rapporteur: Mr Bernard Marquet, Monaco, ALDE):
  - . held an exchange of views with the participation of:
  - Ms Lialia Gabbasova, Ministry of Health, Russian Federation
  - Mr Michael Ugryumov, Academician of the Academy of Sciences of the Russian Federation
  - Mr Serguey Gotié, Ministry of Health, Russian Federation, Doctor, graft specialist.
  - . considered a draft report, amended and unanimously adopted a draft recommendation in view of its presentation for debate in the Assembly during the 1<sup>st</sup> part-session 2013;
  - . authorised the transmission of the report to the CDPC (European Committee on Crime Problems) and asked the Chairperson to inform them that the Committee supports the variant of the draft project of Convention including Article 4 paragraph 1a:
- Nanotechnology: balancing benefits and risks to public health and the environment (Rapporteur: Mr Valeriy Sudarenkov, Russian Federation, SOC):
  - . held an exchange of views with the participation of:
  - Ms Ilise Feitshans, visiting scientist, University of Lausanne, Switzerland
  - Mr Michael Ugryumov, Academician of the Academy of Sciences of the Russian Federation

- . considered a revised draft report, amended and unanimously adopted a draft recommendation, in view of its presentation for debate in the Assembly during the  $2^{nd}$  part-session 2013;
- Fighting "child sex tourism" through committed legal and political action (Rapporteur: Mr Valeriu Ghiletchi, Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD): held an exchange of views of the basis of a revised introductory memorandum with the participation of:
  - Ms Christine Beddoe, Chief Executive Officer of ECPAT (End child prostitution, child pornography and trafficking of children for sexual purposes), United Kingdom;
- Decent work for all: combating social dumping (Rapporteur: Mr Stefaan Vercamer; Belgium, EPP/CD): considered an introductory memorandum;
- The administrative organisation of large metropolises: a key to strengthening local democracy in Europe (Rapporteur: Mr Jeffrey Donaldson, United Kingdom, EDG): considered an introductory memorandum;
- Energy diversification as a fundamental contribution to sustainable development (Rapporteur:
   Ms Doris Barnett, Germany, SOC): in the absence of the rapporteur, held an exchange of views on the
   basis of an outline report with the participation of:
  - Mr Vladimir Grachev, Vernadsky Foundation

### Committee's work programme and priorities :

- agreed to propose to the Bureau to foresee, in the framework of the debate on human rights (June 2013 part-session), a debate on "health as a human right" as a specific contribution of the Committee, encompassing the reports "Equal access to health care", "Food security" (joint debate) and "Putting an end to forced sterilisations and castrations" (separate debate), and to propose that Dr Margaret Chan, General Director of WHO (World Health Organisation), should be invited to speak in the framework of the joint debate;
- was informed of the programme of the visit to the WHO on 27 November 2012 by Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier, Chairperson of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, the Earl of Alexander Dundee, Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Public Health and Mr Jim Dobbin, Vice-Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Public Health;
- Consideration of draft motions for a recommendation with a view to approval by the Committee for tabling: approved the following texts for submission to the Table Office:
  - ✓ Towards a new European Social Model: which social vision for Europe of tomorrow?
  - ✓ Parliaments united in combating sexual violence against children: mid-term review of the ONE in FIVE campaign
- Appointment of rapporteurs: appointed:

For report:

- Child poverty: a cause of continuing human rights violations and a barrier to children's full development: Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva (Azerbaijan, EDG)
- Children's right to physical integrity: Ms Marlene Rupprecht (Germany, SOC)
- Protection of the right to bargain collectively: Mr Andrej Hunko (Germany, UEL)

and heard a declaration of non-conflict of interest from them;

- Appointment of Committee representatives to external events: designated the following representatives to external events:
  - . European conference: "Stepping up progress in combating violence against children", (unofficial translation) Ankara, Turkey, 27-28 November 2012: Mr Valeriu Ghiletchi, Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD) (without cost to the Assembly);

The Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, meeting in Moscow, on Tuesday 20 November 2012, with Ms Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC) in the Chair, with regard to:

- 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the PACE network of contact parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against Children on the theme of "sexual abuse of children in the circle of trust": heard speeches of welcome from Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC) and Ms Olga Borzova (Russian Federation, EDG);
  - 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 a speech from Ms Anica Djamić, Thematic Co-ordinator on Children of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, Ambassador of Croatia;
  - heard a speech on the Parliamentary dimension of the ONE in FIVE Campaign by Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier, Chairperson of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development;
  - heard presentations on the fight against sexual violence on the Children in the Russian Federation, with the participation of:
    - Ms Olga Borzova, member of the Parliamentary Assembly and contact parliamentarian for the Russian Federation
    - Ms Olga Pristanskaya, adviser of Children's Rights Commissioner for the President of the Russian Federation
    - Ms Mary Davtyan, lawyer from the Consortium of women's non-governmental associations
    - Ms Svetlana Zhurova (Russian Federation, EDG), Vice-Chairperson of the Committee of Social Affairs of the Council of the Federation

and held an exchange of views with the members of the Committee;

- heard a presentation from Mr Róbert Spanó, Professor and Dean of the Faculty of Law, University of Iceland, on the concepts and definitions of sexual abuse of children in their circle of trust;
- held a round table with the experts on the sexual abuse of children in the circle of trust with the participation of :
  - on the theme of preventing sexual abuse of children in the circle of trust:
  - Mr Jon Brown, Head of Strategy and Development of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) (United Kingdom);
  - Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva, contact parliamentarian for Azerbaijan;
  - on the theme of protection of child victims:
  - Ms Olga Remenets, Partnership Specialist in the UNICEF Moscow office;
  - Ms Marlene Rupprecht, contact parliamentarian for Germany and PACE General Rapporteur on children;
  - on the theme of prosecuting sexual abusers of children:
  - Mr Stefan Schennach, contact parliamentarian for Austria and PACE Rapporteur on "Child-friendly justice";
  - on the theme of politics against the sexual abuse of children in the circle of trust:
  - Dr Antonios St. Stylianou, NGO "Hope for Children" UNCRC Policy Centre, coordinator for the ONE in FIVE Campaign in Cyprus
  - Mr Valeriu Ghiletchi, contact parliamentarian for the Republic of Moldova and First Vice-Chairperson of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development;

and held an exchange of views with the members of the Committee on each of these themes;

- decided to consecrate one of the next meetings of the network to the theme of mentally handicapped children facing sexual violence;
- adopted the "Moscow Declaration":
- thanked Ms Marlene Rupprecht (Germany, SOC) General Rapporteur on children, for the invitation to hold the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the network on 14 March 2013 in Berlin (Germany), followed by a meeting of the Committee on 15 March 2013, which was accepted subject to the authorisation of the Bureau;

# Date and place of next meetings

### Plenary Committee:

- First part-session 2013 of the Assembly, 21-25 January 2013, Strasbourg;
- Thursday and Friday 14-15 March 2013, Berlin (subject to the authorisation of the Bureau);
- Second part-session 2013 of the Assembly, 22-26 April 2013, Strasbourg;
- Monday 3 June 2013, Paris (Office of the Council of Europe);
- Third part-session 2013 of the Assembly, 24-28 June 2013, Strasbourg;
- Monday 9 September 2013, Paris (Office of the Council of Europe);
- Fourth part-session 2013 of the Assembly, 30 September- 4 October 2013, Strasbourg;

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

- First part-session 2013 of the Assembly, 21-25 January 2013, Strasbourg (date to be confirmed);
- 14 March 2013, Berlin (Germany) (subject to the authorisation of the Bureau).

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cc: Secretary General of the Assembly

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