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

### Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg from 21 to 24 January 2013

The Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, meeting in Strasbourg:

- on Monday, 21 January 2013 at 2 pm, as regards:

*Joint meeting of the members of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media and of the members the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*, with Mr Gvozden Srećko Flego (Croatia, SOC) in the chair;

- *Young people's access to fundamental rights*: held an exchange of views with the participation of:
  - Ms Maria Paschou, Chairperson of the Advisory Council on Youth (CCJ);
  - Ms Laurence Hermand, Vice-Chairperson of the European Steering Committee for Youth (CDEJ);
  - Mr Håkon Haugli (Norway, SOC), General Rapporteur on the rights of Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals and Transgender Persons (LGBTs);
- on Tuesday, 22 January 2013 at 8.30 am, with first Mr Jim Dobbin (United Kingdom, SOC), senior member present, and then Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC) in the Chair, as regards:
  - *Composition of the Committee's Bureau*: reelected by acclamation:
    - Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC) Chairperson;
    - Mr Valeriu Ghiletschi (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD) first Vice-Chairperson;
    - Mr Dimitrios Papadimoulis (Greece, UEL) second Vice-Chairperson;
    - Mr Bernard Marquet (Monaco, ALDE) third Vice-Chairperson;
  - *Towards a Council of Europe Convention to combat trafficking in organs, tissues and cells of human origin* (*Rapporteur: Mr Bernard Marquet, Monaco, ALDE*): approved the addendum to the report and unanimously adopted the amendments presented by the rapporteur with a view to tabling them on behalf of the Committee;
  - *European Directorate for the Quality of Medicines and Healthcare (EDQM)*: held an exchange of views with the participation of:
    - Dr Susanne Keitel, EDQM Director;
    - Dr Karl-Heinz Buchheit, Deputy Head of Biological Standardisation, OMCL Network and HealthCare Department;
    - Dr François-Xavier Lery, Head of Section for Pharmaceutical Care, Consumer Health Protection and Anti-Counterfeiting;

and visited the EDQM premises;

- **on Tuesday, 22 January 2013, at 2 pm, as regards:**
  - **11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the PACE Network of Contact Parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against children:**
    - approved and declassified the minutes of the meetings held in Strasbourg on 3 October 2012 and in Moscow on 20 November 2012;
    - heard a statement by Ms Gabriella Battaini Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, concerning the Council of Europe ONE in FIVE Campaign;
    - held an exchange of views on the theme “Sexual abuse of children with mental disabilities” with the participation of:
      - Ms Hilary Brown, Professor at Christ Church University of Canterbury (United Kingdom);
      - Mr Jean-Georges Rohmer, psychiatrist (France);
    - prepared the 12<sup>th</sup> network meeting, to be held on 14 March 2013 in Berlin, on “National strategies to fight sexual violence against children”;
- **on Wednesday, 23 January 2013, at 2 pm, as regards:**
  - **Towards a Council of Europe Convention to combat trafficking in organs, tissues and cells of human origin** (*Rapporteur: Mr Bernard Marquet, Monaco, ALDE*): took position on the amendments tabled;
  - **Putting an end to coercive sterilisations and castrations** (*Rapporteur: Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier, Switzerland, SOC*):
    - heard a statement by the Rapporteur on the fact-finding visit to the Czech Republic and Sweden (6-9 November 2012);
    - considered an introductory memorandum;
  - **Energy diversification as a fundamental contribution to sustainable development** (*Rapporteur: Ms Doris Barnett, Germany, SOC*): prepared a hearing to be held in Berlin on 15 March 2013;
  - **Constitution of its Sub-Committees:**
    - decided to reconstitute the following Sub-Committees as indicated in the appendix: Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize, Sub-Committee on Public Health, Sub-Committee on Environment and Energy;
    - decided to replace the Sub-Committee on Social and Economic Rights with a Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter;
  - **Committee’s work programme and priorities:**
    - approved its work programme and priorities in 2013;
    - appointed rapporteurs as follows:
      - *For report:*
        - *Parliaments united in combating sexual violence against children: mid-term review of the ONE in FIVE Campaign:* Ms Sílvia Eloïsa Bonet Perot (Andorra, SOC);
        - *Reporting suspected sexual violence against children: legislative and political measures required to protect victims and professionals:* Ms Marlene Rupprecht (Germany, SOC);
      - *For opinion:*
        - *Young people’s access to fundamental rights:* Mr Luca Volontè (Italy, EPP/CD);

and heard from them a declaration on the absence of a conflict of interests;

- ***Institutional representation of PACE in 2013:*** nominated committee representatives for the Executive Committee of the European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity – Council of Europe North-South Centre as follows: Ms Maryvonne Blondin (France, SOC) as representative and Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) as alternate representative (*subject to Bureau agreement*);
- **on Thursday, 24 January 2013, at 8.30 am,** as regards:
  - ***Children's right to physical integrity*** (*Rapporteur: Ms Marlene Rupprecht, Germany, SOC*):
    - considered an outline report;
    - held a hearing with the participation of:
      - Mr Victor Schonfeld, Producer of documentary films, London (United Kingdom);
      - Dr Matthias Schreiber, Child surgeon, Department of child surgery, Clinic of Esslingen (Germany)
      - Dr İlhan İlkılıç, Associate professor at the Department of History of Medicine and Ethics, Istanbul University, Faculty of Medicine (Turkey);
- **on Thursday, 24 January 2013, at 2 p.m.,** as regards:
  - ***Parliaments united in combating sexual violence against children: mid-term review of the ONE in FIVE Campaign*** (*Rapporteur: Ms Silvia Eloisa Bonet Perot, Andorra, SOC*): considered an outline report;
  - ***Constitution of the Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter:*** decided to constitute the Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter as indicated in the appendix;
  - ***Committee's work programme and priorities:*** appointed rapporteurs as follows:
    - *For report:*
      - *Towards a new European Social Model: which social vision for Europe of tomorrow?:* Mr Luca Volontè (Italy, EPP/CD);
      - *The abuse by social services of member States of the Council of Europe of their authority to remove children from their parents' custody:* Ms Olga Borzova (Russian Federation, EDG);

and heard from them a declaration on the absence of a conflict of interests;

- General rapporteur on children of the Parliamentary Assembly: Ms Marlene Rupprecht (Germany, SOC) until 25 April 2013 and Ms Stella Kyriakides (Cyprus, EPP/CD) from 26 April 2013 until 30 April 2014;

- General rapporteur on local and regional authorities of the Parliamentary Assembly: Sir Alan Meale (United Kingdom, SOC) until 22 March 2014;

– ***Committee's representation at external events:*** heard statements as follows:

• Ms Carina Ohlsson (Sweden, SOC) on the meeting of the European Committee for Social Cohesion (CDCS) in Istanbul on 10 October 2012 (followed by the Council of Europe 2nd Conference of Ministers responsible for social cohesion where she represented the Parliamentary Assembly);

• Mr Valeriu Ghiletschi (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD) on the 3rd meeting of the Committee of the Parties ("Lanzarote Committee") to the Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse in Strasbourg on 15-16 October 2012;

• Sir Alan Meale (United Kingdom, SOC) on the Conference "Building Europe through Human Rights: Acting Together against Extreme Poverty", held on the occasion of the International Day for the eradication of poverty in Strasbourg on 17 October 2012, and on the 23rd session of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities in Strasbourg on 16-18 October 2012;

- Earl of Dundee (United Kingdom, EDG) and Mr Dobbin (United Kingdom, SOC) on the International Workshop on citizens' consultation on the right to the protection of health in Strasbourg on 8-9 November 2012;

- Mr Valeriu Ghiletschi (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD) on the European conference: "Stepping up progress in combating violence against children" in Ankara (Turkey) on 27-28 November 2012;

- Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) on the World Conference on Climate change in Doha (Qatar) from 26 November to 7 December 2012;

- Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier, Chairperson of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, the Earl of Dundee, Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Public Health and Mr Jim Dobbin, Vice-Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Public Health on their meeting with the representatives of the WHO in Geneva (Switzerland) on 27 November 2012;

– **Fact-finding visits:**

- Earl of Dundee regarding the preparation of his work on "Measuring the well-being of European citizens", the Committee authorised him to carry out a fact-finding visit to the OECD in Paris in Spring 2013;

- The Chairperson to replace Mr Lorrain (France, EPP/CD) on his fact-finding visit to Greece in the framework of the preparation of his report on "Equal access to health care";

– **Motions transmitted for information:**

- took note that motions on "*The strengthening of national democracy through local European levels*" and "*The World Beyond 2015 - Europe's contribution to the post MDG Framework*" were transmitted to the committee for information;

- decided to request that the motion on "*The World Beyond 2015 - Europe's contribution to the post MDG Framework*" be referred to the Committee for report;

- decided to request the Bureau's approval to invite Ms Marta Santos Pais, Special Representative of the UN Secretary General on violence against children, as a high level speaker during the debate on children's right to physical integrity (as soon as it has been decided in which part-session the report will be presented);

– **Date and place of next meetings:**

**Plenary Committee:**

- Thursday and Friday, 14-15 March 2013, Berlin (Germany);
- 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;
- Monday, 2 December 2013, Paris (*to be confirmed*), took note of the Chairperson's proposal to hold the meeting of 2013 in Geneva;

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

- Thursday, 14 March 2013, Berlin (Germany);
- Second part-session 2013 of the Assembly (22-26 April 2013), Strasbourg (*date to be confirmed*).

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**The Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize**, meeting in Strasbourg on 23 January 2013, with first Mr Jim Dobbin (United Kingdom, SOC), senior member present, and then Sir Alan Meale (United Kingdom, SOC), in the Chair:

- reelected Sir Alan Meale (United Kingdom, SOC), Chairperson by acclamation;
- reelected Mr Axel E. Fischer (Germany, EPP/CD), Vice-Chairperson by acclamation;

- **Date and place of the next meeting:** Second part-session 2013 of the Assembly (22-26 April 2013) in Strasbourg;

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**The Sub-Committee on Public Health**, meeting in Strasbourg on 24 January 2013, with first Mr Jim Dobbin (United Kingdom, SOC), senior member present, and then the Earl of Dundee, in the Chair:

- reelected the Earl of Dundee (United Kingdom, EDG), Chairperson by acclamation;
- reelected Mr Jim Dobbin (United Kingdom, SOC) Vice-Chairperson by acclamation;

- **Date and place of the next meeting:** Second part-session 2013 of the Assembly (22-26 April 2013) in Strasbourg;

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**The Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter**, meeting in Strasbourg on 24 January 2013, with Ms Carina Ohlsson (Sweden, SOC), senior member present, and then Mr Ioannis Dragasakis (Greece, UEL), in the Chair:

- elected Mr Ioannis Dragasakis (Greece, UEL), Chairperson by acclamation;
- elected Ms Carina Ohlsson (Sweden, SOC), Vice-Chairperson by acclamation;

- **Date and place of the next meeting:** Second part-session 2013 of the Assembly (22-26 April 2013) in Strasbourg;

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**The Sub-Committee on Environment and Energy**, meeting in Strasbourg on 24 January 2013, with first Mr Fernand Boden (Luxembourg, EPP/CD), senior member present, and then Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC), in the Chair:

- elected Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC), Chairperson by secret ballot;
- elected Ms Pelin Gündeş Bakır (Turkey, EDG) Vice-Chairperson by acclamation;

- **Date and place of the next meeting:** Second part-session 2013 of the Assembly (22-26 April 2013) in Strasbourg

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