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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 25 June to 27 June 2013

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

- on Tuesday, 25 June 2013 at 2 pm:
  - **14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the PACE Network of Contact Parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against children, jointly with the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media, with Ms Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC) and Mr Piotr Wach (Poland, EPP/CD) as Co-Chairs:**
    - approved and declassified the minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the network of contact parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against children, held in Berlin on 14 March 2013, and the minutes of the 13<sup>th</sup> meeting held in Strasbourg on 24 April 2013;
    - heard a statement by Ms Gabriella Battaini-Dragnoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, on the progress of the Council of Europe ONE in FIVE Campaign;
    - held an exchange of views on the theme “Child sexual abuse in sport” with the participation of:
      - Mr George Nikolaidis, Psychiatrist (Greece);
      - Ms Judith Conrad, Manager of the Ethics and Education department, *Swiss Olympic*;
- on Wednesday, 26 June 2013 at 2 pm, as regards:
  - **Putting an end to coercive sterilisations and castrations** (*Rapporteur: Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier, Switzerland, SOC*): took position on the amendments tabled;
  - **Equal access to health care** (*Rapporteur: Mr Jean-Louis Lorrain, France, EPP/CD*): took position on the amendments tabled;
  - **General rapporteur on Children** (*General Rapporteur: Ms Stella Kyriakides, Cyprus, EPP/CD*): held an exchange of views;
  - **The World Beyond 2015 – Europe’s contribution to the post MDG Framework** (*Rapporteur: Sir Alan Meale, United Kingdom, SOC*): considered an outline report;
  - **Committee’s work programme and priorities:**
    - appointed rapporteurs as follows:
      - Mr Jean-Claude Frécon (France, SOC) for report on: *Call for a proper and mandatory exchange of information on condemned medical professionals*;

- Mr Valeriu Ghilechi (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD) for opinion on: *The activities of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)*;

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

– appointed its representatives to external events as follows:

- Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC); The European Parliamentary Technology Assessment (EPTA) Council Meeting and Seminar “The Arctic Boom”, 22-24 September 2013, Kittilä, Lapland (Finland);
- Ms Carina Ohlsson (Sweden, SOC): 26th Session of the European Committee for Social Cohesion (CDCS), 25-27 September 2013, Strasbourg;

• **on Thursday, 27 June 2013 at 8:30 am**, as regards:

- **Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter:** heard a report by the Sub-Committee Vice-Chairperson on the meeting held on 25 June 2013 and endorsed the Sub-Committee’s decisions;
- **Sub-Committee on Public Health:** heard a report by the Sub-Committee Chairperson on the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 25 June 2013 and endorsed the Sub-Committee’s decisions;
- **Social services in Europe: legislation and practice of the removal of children from their families in Council of Europe member States** (*Rapporteur: Ms Olga Borzova, Russian Federation, EDG*): heard a report by the rapporteur on her fact-finding visit to Finland on 13-14 June 2013;
- **Children's right to physical integrity** (*Rapporteur: Ms Marlene Rupperecht, Germany, SOC*): considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation;
- **World Forum for Democracy, Strasbourg, 27-29 November 2013:** was informed about the Forum;
- **Changes to the membership of Sub-Committees:** noted the changes as follows:

*Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize:*

Mr Michael Falzon (Malta, SOC) had left the delegation of Malta (no replacement);  
Mr Bernard Marquet (Monaco, ALDE) had left the delegation of Monaco (no replacement);

- **Reports from committee representatives to external events:** heard statements by its members as follows:
  - Earl of Dundee (United Kingdom, EDG) on a fact-finding visit to the OECD in Paris on 1st March 2013;
  - Ms Maryvonne Blondin (France, SOC) on the meeting of the Ad hoc Working Party of the Committee of Ministers on the Future of the European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity (North-South Centre) in Strasbourg on 21 February and on 22 March 2013;
  - Sir Alan Meale (United Kingdom, SOC) on the session of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities in Strasbourg on 20-21 March 2013;
  - Mr Valeriu Ghilechi (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD) on the 9<sup>th</sup> ILO European Regional Meeting on “Jobs, growth and social Justice” in Oslo on 8-11 April 2013;

heard from Mr Recordon (Switzerland, SOC), rapporteur on “Effectively combating the adverse consequences of dirty money”, a declaration of absence of conflict of interests;

- upon the proposal of Ms Kyriakides (Cyprus, EPP/CD), rapporteur on “Optimum care for women with breast cancer”, agreed to organise a one-day awareness event on breast cancer during the Fourth part-session 2013;

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

***Plenary committee:***

- Monday, 9 September 2013, Paris (Council of Europe office);
- Fourth part-session 2013 of the Assembly, 30 September – 4 October 2013, Strasbourg;
- Tuesday, 12 November 2013 and Wednesday, 13 November 2013, Geneva;

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

- Fourth part-session 2013 of the Assembly, 30 September – 4 October 2013, Strasbourg (*date to be confirmed*);
- Wednesday, 13 November 2013, Geneva;

***Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter:***

- Friday, 18 October 2013, Paris (Council of Europe office).

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– **The Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter**, meeting in Strasbourg on 25 June 2013, with Ms Ohlsson (Sweden, SOC) Vice-Chairperson in the Chair, as regards:

- ***Work Programme of the Sub-Committee:*** held an exchange of views;
- ***Preparations for “Organisation of the first workshop of the development of capacity-building workshop on the implementation of social rights”:*** held an exchange of views;
- ***Date and place of the next meeting :*** Fourth part-session 2013 of the Assembly, 30 September – 4 October 2013, Strasbourg (*date to be confirmed*).

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– **The Sub-Committee on Public Health**, meeting in Strasbourg on 25 June 2013, with the Earl of Dundee (United Kingdom, EDG) in the Chair, as regards:

- ***Access to health care for haemophilia and hepatitis C patients in Ukraine:*** heard a presentation by Mr Yevgen Nayshtetik, Vice-President of “All-Ukrainian Council for Patients’ Rights and Safety” and held an exchange of views;
- ***Strengthening of relations with the World Health Organisation (WHO):*** heard a rapport of the Chairman on the meeting held in Geneva on 27 November 2012, between the representatives of the WHO and a delegation of the Committee as well as the follow up given to that meeting;
- ***Other business:*** heard a report by the Chairman on the allegations concerning trafficking in organs on the border between Syria and Turkey;
- ***Date and place of the next meeting:*** took note of a proposal from the Chairman to held the next meeting during the fourth part-session of the Assembly in October 2013.

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- **The Sub-Committee on Environment and Energy**, meeting in Strasbourg on 27 June 2013, with Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) in the Chair, as regards:
  - **Addressing pollution problems in the Mediterranean Sea**: held an exchange of views with the participation of the following experts:
    - **Professor Michael Scoullios**, Chairman of the Mediterranean Information Office for Environment, Culture and Sustainable Development, and Director of Environmental Chemistry Laboratory, Chair of the UNESCO Network on Sustainable Development Management and Education in the Mediterranean of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, and **Mr Bruno Dumontet**, Project Manager for Expedition MED – Mediterranean Endangered (a non-governmental organisation);
    - **The Sub-Committee’s work programme**: held an exchange of views and was informed about the Warsaw Conference on Climate change, to be held on 11-22 November 2013 in Warsaw (Poland) and the European Parliamentary Technology Assessment (EPTA) Council Meeting and Seminar “The Arctic Boom”, to be held on 22-24 September 2013 in Kittilä, Lapland (Finland);
    - **Date and place of the next meeting**: to be confirmed.

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- **The Sub-Committee of the Europe Prize**, meeting in Strasbourg 27 June 2013, with Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC) and Sir Alan Meale (United Kingdom, SOC) in the Chair, as regards:
  - **The European diplomas for 2013**: presented awards to the Mayors and representatives of the municipalities present in the framework of a solemn ceremony;
  - **Date and place of the next meetings**: decided to hold its next meetings on 20 August 2013 in order to present the Europe Prize to the city of Tata in Hungary and on 14 September 2013 for the presentation of the Europe Prize to Altötting in Germany.

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cc: Secretary General of the Assembly  
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