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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 9 September 2013

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

- Food security (Rapporteur: Mr Fernand Boden, Luxembourg, EPP/CD): considered a draft report, decided to change the title to "Food security – a permanent challenge for us all" and unanimously adopted a draft resolution as amended;
- The activities of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in 2012-2013 (Rapporteur: Mr Valeriu Ghiletchi, Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD): considered a draft opinion in the absence of the rapporteur;
- Combating discrimination against older persons on the labour market (Rapporteur: Mr Margus Hanson, Estonia, ALDE): considered and unanimously approved a draft opinion;
- **The World Beyond 2015 Europe's contribution to the post MDG Framework** (Rapporteur: Sir Alan Meale, United Kingdom, SOC): considered an introductory memorandum;
- Optimum care for women with breast cancer (Rapporteur: Ms Stella Kyriakides, Cyprus, EPP/CD): considered an outline report;
- Child friendly justice / Children in detention (Rapporteur: Mr Stefan Schennach, Austria, SOC);
 held an exchange of views on the basis of an outline report with the participation of Dr Beate Matschnig, Judge, Vienna Regional Court for Criminal Matters (Austria), and of Prof. Dr Ton Liefaard, Professor of Children's Rights, School of Law, Leiden University (The Netherlands);
- Reporting suspected sexual violence against children: legislative and political measures required to protect victims and professionals (Rapporteur: Ms Marlene Rupprecht, Germany, SOC); considered an outline report;
- The inclusion of children's rights in national constitutions as an essential component of effective national child policies (Rapporteur: Mr Cezar Florin Preda, Romania, EPP/CD): considered an introductory memorandum;
- General Rapporteur on Children (Ms Stella Kyriakides, Chypre, EPP/CD); held an exchange of views
 on the results of the ECPRD survey on specific child protection mechanisms at national level and
 authorised Ms Kyriakides to carry out fact-finding visits to Albania and the Republic of Moldova
 (subject to the availability of funds);
- General Rapporteur on Local and Regional Authorities (General Rapporteur: Sir Alan Meale, United Kingdom, SOC): held an exchange of views on a preliminary joint draft declaration by the Presidents of the Parliamentary Assembly and the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, to be published on the occasion of the 25th Congress session (29-31 October 2013);

- Changes to the membership of Sub-Committees: approved that Mr Florin Pâslaru (Romania, SOC) becomes a full member of the Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize (he has no alternate);
- Appointment of rapporteurs: appointed rapporteurs as follows:
 - Kyoto Climate Change Protocol (for report): Lord John Prescott (United Kingdom, SOC);
 - Draft Council of Europe Convention against Trafficking in Human Organs (for report) (subject to ratification of the reference by the Assembly): Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC);
 - Towards a new European Social Model: which social vision for Europe of tomorrow? (for report): Ms Maria de Belém Roseira (Portugal, SOC);
 - The protection of minors against sectarian influence (for opinion): Mr André Bugnon (Suisse, ALDE);

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

- Appointment of Committee representatives to external events: appointed its representatives as follows:
 - . Conference on "Inclusion and Protection of Children in and through Sport", Budapest (Hungary), 7-8 October 2013: Ms Eleni Rapti, (Greece, EPP/CD), subject to the availability of funds;
 - . 6th meeting of the Committee of the Parties to the Convention on the protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse, Strasbourg, 14-15 October 2013: Mr Valeriu Ghiletchi (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD), *subject to the availability of funds*;
 - . International Conference, "Counterfeiting of medical products and similar crimes: how to protect public health and combat these crimes at a global level?" Strasbourg, 16-17 October 2013: Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC), *subject to the availability of funds*;
 - . International conference on "Ways to increase the role of regional and local authorities in social and economic development of European and the Commonwealth of Independent States", St Petersburg, Russian Federation, 25 October 2013: Sir Alan Meale (United Kingdom, SOC), *subject to the availability of funds*;
 - . 25th session of Congress, Strasbourg, 27-29 November 2013: Sir Alan Meale (United Kingdom, SOC), subject to the availability of funds;
- World Forum for Democracy, Strasbourg, 27-29 November 2013: took note of the decision by the Bureau to create an ad hoc Committee of the Bureau to participate in this event, and nominated Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC), Mr Fernand Boden (Luxembourg, EPP/CD), Mr Igor Kolman (Croatia, ALDE) and Mr Ertuğrul Kürkçü (Turkey, UEL) as members of the Ad hoc Committee of the Bureau to participate in the Forum;
- Call for nominations for the 2013 North-South Prize of the Council of Europe: heard a statement by its Chairperson;
- Date and place of next meetings:

Plenary committee:

- 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:

- Tuesday, 1st October 2013 during the Fourth part-session 2013 of the Assembly (30 September 4 October 2013), Strasbourg;
- 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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