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

Synopsis of the meeting held in Geneva on 12-13 November 2013

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

- **Tuesday, 12 November 2013:**
 - **The World Beyond 2015 – Europe's contribution to the post MDG Framework** (*Rapporteur: Sir Alan Meale, United Kingdom, SOC*): considered a draft report, modified the title to read "Stepping up action against global inequalities: Europe's contribution to the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) process" and unanimously adopted a draft resolution as amended, with a view to presenting the report for debate in the Assembly during the January 2014 part-session;
 - **Energy diversification as a fundamental contribution to sustainable development** (*Rapporteur: Ms Doris Barnett, Germany, SOC*): held an exchange of views with Ms Rie Tsutsumi, Regional Coordinator for Resource Efficiency and Climate Change of the Regional Office for Europe of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), considered a draft report and unanimously (with two abstentions) adopted a draft resolution as amended, with a view to presenting the report for debate in the Assembly during the January 2014 part-session;
 - **Kyoto Climate Change Protocol** (*Rapporteur: Lord Prescott, United Kingdom, SOC*): held an exchange of views with Ms Rie Tsutsumi, Regional Coordinator for Resource Efficiency and Climate Change of the Regional Office for Europe of the UNEP, considered a draft report, modified the title to read "Climate change: a framework for a global agreement in 2015" and unanimously adopted a draft resolution as amended, with a view to presenting the report for debate in the Assembly during the January 2014 part-session;
 - **Towards a new European Social Model: which social vision for the Europe of tomorrow?** (*Rapporteur: Ms Maria de Belém Roseira, Portugal, SOC*): held an exchange of views with Mr Stephen Pursey, Director of the Department for Multilateral Cooperation of the International Labour Organization (ILO), and considered an outline report;
 - **Decent work for all: combating social dumping / Exploitation of the workforce of poor countries** (*Rapporteur: Mr Roel Deseyn, Belgium, EPP/CD*): held an exchange of views with Mr Stephen Pursey, Director of the Department for Multilateral Cooperation of the ILO, considered a revised introductory memorandum and modified the title to read "Decent work for all";
 - **Protection of the right to bargain collectively** (*Rapporteur: Mr Andrej Hunko, Germany, UEL*): held an exchange of views with Mr Stephen Pursey, Director of the Department for Multilateral Cooperation of the ILO, and considered an outline report;

- **Ending child poverty in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva, Azerbaijan, EDG*): held an exchange of views with Professor Angela Abela, Associate Professor for Family Studies of the Faculty for Social Wellbeing of the University of Malta, and considered an introductory memorandum;
- **Reporting suspected sexual violence against children: legislative and political measures required to protect victims and professionals** (*Rapporteur: Ms Marlene Rupprecht, Germany, SOC*): considered an introductory memorandum and modified the title to read “Reporting suspected sexual abuse of children: how to protect victims and professionals”;
- **Children’s right to physical integrity** (*Rapporteur: Ms Marlene Rupprecht, Germany, SOC*): heard statements by the Chairperson and the Rapporteur on the follow-up to the adopted texts as well as the point of view of Mr Meir Sheetrit (Israel, Kadima) and decided to organise a follow-up discussion on this sensitive issue during the January 2014 part-session;
- **Strengthening of relations with the World Health Organization (WHO)**: held an exchange of views with Dr Gaudenz Silberschmidt, Senior Advisor in the Office of the Director General of the WHO;
- **The possible involvement of the Parliamentary Assembly in the promotion of the Council of Europe Convention on counterfeiting of medical products and similar crimes involving threats to public health (MEDICRIME Convention)**: heard a statement by the Chairperson and agreed to get more involved in the promotion of the MEDICRIME Convention;
- **Committee’s work programme and priorities:**

- *appointed its representatives to the external events as follows:*

. Warsaw Conference on Climate Change, Warsaw (Poland), on 11-22 November 2013 [Participation limited to 2 days]: Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC);

. 206th meeting of the Governing Board of the Council of Europe Development Bank, Paris, 22 November 2013: Mr Tuur Elzinga (the Netherlands, UEL);

. International Parliamentary Conference on the post-2015 Development Agenda, 26-28 November 2013, London (United Kingdom): Sir Alan Meale (United Kingdom, SOC) (*at no cost to the Assembly*);

. Lanzarote Committee, Committee of the Parties to the Council of Europe Convention on the protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse (T-ES), Madrid, 9 December 2013, and the Conference on “Preventing sexual abuse of children”, Madrid, 10-11 December 2013: Mr Valeriu Ghiletschi (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD);

- **Wednesday 13 November 2013:**

- ***Extraordinary meeting of the Network of Contact Parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against children on the theme of “Taking the fight against sexual violence against children to the world – Sharing the European experience”:***

- held an exchange of views with:

On the commercial sexual exploitation of children:

- Ms Najat Maalla M’jid, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography;
- Mr Hans Guyt, Director of Campaigns, Terre des Hommes–Netherlands;

On how to break taboos surrounding sexual abuse of children:

- Ms Stella Kyriakides (Cyprus, EPP/CD), PACE General Rapporteur on Children;
- Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva (Azerbaijan, EDG), contact parliamentarian;
- Mr Johan van den Hout, Netherlands, SOC, Thematic Spokesperson on Children, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities;
- Ms Eleni Rapti (Greece, EPP/CD), contact parliamentarian;

- Ms Martha Santos, Partnerships Manager, UNICEF;

On sexual violence against children in situations of war and conflict:

- Mr Akiyo Afouda, Human Rights Programme Officer, Inter-Parliamentary Union;
- Ms Susanna Greijer, PhD, Department of Law, European University Institute;

- heard a statement by Ms Regína Jensdóttir, Head of Division and Programme co-ordinator, Children's Rights, DGI - Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe on the progress of the Council of Europe ONE in FIVE campaign;

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

Plenary committee:

- First part-session 2014 of the Assembly, 27-31 January 2014, Strasbourg;
- Friday, 14 March 2014, Paris (Council of Europe Office);
- Second part-session 2014 of the Assembly, 7-11 April 2014, Strasbourg;
- Monday, 12 May 2014 and Tuesday 13 May 2014, Nicosia (Cyprus) (*Subject to Bureau authorisation*);
- Third part-session 2014 of the Assembly, 23-27 June 2014, Strasbourg;
- Wednesday, 10 September 2014, Paris (Council of Europe Office);
- Fourth part-session 2014 of the Assembly, 29 September – 3 October 2014, Strasbourg;
- Monday, 1st December 2014, Paris (Council of Europe Office);
- Tuesday, 2 December 2014, Paris (Council of Europe Office), joint meeting with the Committee on equality and non-discrimination (*to be confirmed*);

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

- First part-session 2014 of the Assembly, 27-31 January 2014, Strasbourg (*date to be confirmed*);
- Second part-session 2014 of the Assembly, 7-11 April 2014, Strasbourg (*date to be confirmed*);
- Tuesday, 13 May 2014, Nicosia (Cyprus) (*Subject to Bureau authorisation*);
- Third part-session 2014 of the Assembly, 23-27 June 2014, Strasbourg (*date to be confirmed*);
- Fourth part-session 2014 of the Assembly, 29 September – 3 October 2014, Strasbourg (*date to be confirmed*).

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