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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 8 to 10 April 2014

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

- on Tuesday, 8 April 2014 at 8.30 am, with Mr Valeriu Ghiletschi (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:
 - **Work of the Council of Europe Commissioner for human rights, Nils Muižnieks:** held an exchange of views with the Commissioner for human rights on “Safeguarding human rights in times of economic crisis”;
 - **Measuring and fostering the well-being of European citizens** (*Rapporteur: The Earl of Dundee, United Kingdom, EDG*): considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution with a view to presenting the report for debate in the Standing Committee on 23 May 2014 or in the Assembly during the June 2014 part-session;
 - **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 the United Kingdom on 10 and 11 February 2014;
 - **The inclusion of children’s rights in national constitutions as an essential component of effective national child policies** (*Rapporteur: Mr Cezar Preda, Romania, EPP/CD*): heard a presentation on the work of the Venice Commission in this field by Ms Herdis Thorgeirsdottir, Vice-President of the Venice Commission;
- on Tuesday, 8 April 2014 at 2 pm, under the chairmanship of Mr Valeriu Ghiletschi (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD), Chairperson of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, and of Mr Thierry Mariani (France, EPP/CD), Chairperson of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, as regards:
 - **17th meeting of the PACE Network of Contact Parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against children and joint meeting with the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons:**
 - 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 “Sexual violence against refugee children”, with the participation of:
 - Mr Gert Westerveen, UNHCR representative to the European institutions in Strasbourg;
 - Ms Sara Abbas, Head of Office of the International Organization for Migration (IOM), France;

- **on Wednesday, 9 April 2014, at 2 pm**, with Mr Valeriu Ghiletschi (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD), Chairperson, and then, Mr Jim Dobbin (United Kingdom, SOC), the Vice-Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize, in the Chair, as regards:
 - ***Protecting patients and public health against undue influence of the pharmaceutical industry*** (*Rapporteur: Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier, Switzerland, SOC*): considered an outline report;
 - ***Václav Havel Human Rights Prize***: heard a statement by Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC), the Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Public Health, who expressed her intention to put forward the candidacy of the Turkish Medical Association for the Václav Havel Human Rights Prize and took note of her proposal to support this nomination;
 - ***Optimum care for women with breast cancer*** (*Rapporteur: Ms Stella Kyriakides, Cyprus, EPP/CD*): considered an introductory memorandum, modified the title to read “Towards optimum breast cancer services across Europe” and held an exchange of views with the participation of:
 - Dr Alberto Costa, Scientific Director and CEO, European School of Oncology;
 - Dr Nereo Segnan, Head of Department of Cancer Screening and Unit of Cancer Epidemiology, University Hospital “Città della Salute e della Scienza”, Turin, Italy;
 - ***Combating sexual violence against children: towards a successful conclusion of the ONE in FIVE Campaign*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Valeriu Ghiletschi, Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD*): considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft recommendation as amended, with a view to presenting the report for debate in the Standing Committee on 23 May 2014;
 - ***Children’s right to physical integrity***: took note of the reply by the Committee of Ministers to the Assembly’s Recommendation 2023 (2013);
- **on Thursday, 10 April 2014, at 2 pm**, under the chairmanship of Mr Valeriu Ghiletschi (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD), Chairperson of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, and of Mr James Clappison (United Kingdom, EDG), Chairperson of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, as regards:
 - ***Joint hearing with the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights on “Removal of children from their families: legislation and practice”*** (*Rapporteur: Ms Olga Borzova, Russian Federation, EDG*): held an exchange of views with the participation of:
 - Ms Maria Herczog, Rapporteur of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) (Hungary);
 - Ms Karen Reid, Registrar of the Filtering Section, European Court of Human Rights;

And, continuing the meeting under the chairmanship of Mr Valeriu Ghiletschi, as regards:

- ***Decent work for all*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Roel Deseyn, Belgium, EPP/CD*): took position on the amendments tabled;
- ***Ending child poverty in Europe*** (*Rapporteur: Ms Sevinj, Fataliyeva, Azerbaijan, EDG*): took position on the amendments tabled;
- ***Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize***: heard a report on the Sub-Committee meeting in Strasbourg on 10 April 2014 and approved the proposals submitted by the Sub-Committee for the different prizes;
- ***Committee’s work programme and priorities***:
 - appointed, Ms Nunzia Catalfo (Italy, NR), rapporteur on the report on “The need for a citizenship income” and heard from her a declaration on the absence of a conflict of interests;

- approved the following changes in its Sub-Committees:

- . *Sub-Committee on Environment and Energy:*

- Mr Christian Bataille (France, SOC) became the alternate to Ms Danielle Auroi;

- . *Sub-Committee on Public Health:*

- Mr Francesco Maria Amoruso (Italy, NR) has left the Committee;

- appointed its representatives to external events as follows (subject to availability of funds):

- Launching Conference of the Guide on the decision-making process regarding medical treatment in end-of-life situations, Strasbourg, 5 May 2014: Mr Rubén Moreno Palanques (Spain, EPP/CD);
 - 5th plenary meeting of the Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO), Strasbourg, 5-7 May 2014: Mr Valeriu Ghilechi (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD);
 - Council of Europe Development Bank's Annual Joint meeting in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 13-14 June 2014: Mr Tuur Elzinga (The Netherlands, UEL), [*subject to the receipt of an invitation*];

- **Reports from committee representatives to external events:** heard a statement by Ms Nunzia Catalfo (Italy, NR) on the meeting of the European Committee on Democracy and Governance (CDDG) in Strasbourg on 3-4 April 2014;

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

Plenary committee:

- Monday, 12 May 2014 and Tuesday 13 May 2014, Nicosia (Cyprus);
- Third part-session 2014 of the Assembly, 23-27 June 2014, Strasbourg;
- 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:

- Tuesday, 13 May 2014, Nicosia (Cyprus);
- 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*).

The Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize, meeting in Strasbourg on 10 April 2014, with Mr Jim Dobbin (United Kingdom, SOC), Vice-Chairperson, in the Chair:

- **Europe Prize 2014:** proposed to award the prize to Słupsk (Poland);
- **Plaques of Honour, Flags of Honour and European Diplomas for 2014:** proposed to award these distinctions to 38 towns as shown in the appendix;
- **Date and place of the next meeting:** decided to hold its next meetings as follows:
 - Thursday, 26 June 2014 during the Third part-session 2014 of the Assembly (23-27 June 2014) in Strasbourg (for the presentation ceremony of the European Diplomas for 2014 to the winning towns);
 - award ceremony for the Europe Prize 2014 in Słupsk, Poland (date to be decided).

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cc: Secretary General of the Assembly
Director General, Directors and all staff of the Secretariat of the Assembly
Secretaries of National Delegations and of Political Groups of the Assembly
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Secretary General of the Congress
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Appendix

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Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development

Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize

WINNERS OF THE EUROPE PRIZE 2014 AND OF THE OTHER DISTINCTIONS (Plaque of honour, Flag of honour and European Diploma)

1. EUROPE PRIZE

The city of **SŁUPSK** (Pomorskie voivodship) in Poland

2. PLAQUES OF HONOUR

The **Plaque of Honour**, which is the second highest distinction after the Europe Prize, was awarded to 9 municipalities:

Cyprus	Nicosia
Germany	Bayreuth (Bavaria) Borken (Hessen) Marktheidenfeld (Bavaria) Unterhaching (Bavaria)
Hungary	Ajka (Veszprem County)
Poland	Łódź (Łódź voivodship)
Russia	Volgograd (Volgograd region)
Turkey	Izmir (Metropolitan Municipality)

3. FLAGS OF HONOUR

The **Flag of Honour** was awarded to 15 municipalities this year:

Cyprus	Nicosia
France	Aix-en-Othe (Aube) Charleville-Mézières (Ardennes) Langeais (Indre-et-Loire)
Germany	Aspach (Baden-Württemberg) Gotha (Thüringen) Jettingen (Baden-Württemberg) Kappelrodeck (Baden-Württemberg) Nauheim (Hessen) Pfinztal (Baden-Württemberg)
Ireland	Cavan (Co. Cavan)
Italy	Farnese (Prov. of Viterbo)
Poland	Bielsko-Biała (Śląskie voivodship) Jablonka (Małopolskie voivodship)
Ukraine	Ternopil (Ternopil region)

4. EUROPEAN DIPLOMAS

15 municipalities were granted the **European Diploma**:

France	Creil (Oise)
Germany	Donaueschingen (Baden-Württemberg) Ortenberg (Baden-Württemberg) Roßdorf (Hessen) Siegburg (Nordrhein-Westfalen)
Italy	Drezzo (Prov. of Como) Roccella Jonica (Prov. of Reggio di Calabria)
Lithuania	Palanga
Poland	Bydgoszcz (Cujavie-Pomorskie voivodship) Wisła (Śląskie voivodship)
Slovakia	Svodin (Nitra region)
Spain	Gernika-Lumo (Basque Country)
Ukraine	Brovary (Kiev region) Pryluky (Chernihiv region) Truskavetz (Lviv region)