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

Synopsis of the meeting held in Nicosia (Cyprus) on 12 and 13 May 2014

The Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, meeting in Nicosia (Cyprus) with Mr Valeriu Ghiletschi (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Monday, 12 May 2014:**
- **Address by the President of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Cyprus:** heard a statement by Mr Yiannakis L. Omirou, President of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Cyprus;
- **Towards optimum breast cancer services across Europe** (*Rapporteur: Ms Stella Kyriakides, Cyprus, EPP/CD*): held an exchange of views with Professor Philippos Patsalis, Minister of Health of the Republic of Cyprus, considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution as amended, with a view to presenting the report for debate in the Assembly during the October 2014 part-session;
- **Child-friendly juvenile justice: from rhetoric to reality** (*Rapporteur: Mr Stefan Schennach, Austria, SOC*): held an exchange of views with Mr Ionas Nicolaou, Minister of Justice and Public Order of the Republic of Cyprus, considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution, with a view to presenting the report for debate in the Assembly during the June 2014 part-session;
- **Towards a new European Social Model: which social vision for Europe of tomorrow?** (*Rapporteur: Ms Maria de Belém Roseira, Portugal, SOC*): held an exchange of views with Mr Andreas Ashiotis, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance of the Republic of Cyprus, and with Mr Daniel Vaughan-Whitehead, Senior Economist of the International Labour Organization (ILO), and decided to change the title of the report to "Towards a new European Social Model";
- **Challenges for the Council of Europe Development Bank** (*Rapporteur: Mr Tuur Elzinga, the Netherlands, UEL*): considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution, with a view to presenting the report for debate in the Assembly during the June 2014 part-session;
- **Violence in and through the media** (*Rapporteur for opinion: Ms Maryvonne Blondin, France, SOC*): considered and unanimously approved a draft opinion as amended, including 7 amendments to the draft resolution and 2 amendments to the draft recommendation;
- **Follow-up to the Resolution 1976 (2014) on "Climate change: a framework for a global agreement in 2015"** (*Rapporteur: Lord Prescott, United Kingdom, SOC*): heard a statement by the Rapporteur;

– **Committee’s work programme and priorities:**

- *appointed rapporteurs as follows:*

For report

. Inhabitants of frontier regions of Azerbaijan are deliberately deprived of water: Ms Milica Marković (Bosnia and Herzegovina, SOC);

For opinion

. Equality and shared parental responsibility: the rights of fathers: Mr Konstantinos Triantafyllos (Greece, SOC);

. General rapporteur on children of the Parliamentary Assembly: Ms Stella Kyriakides (Cyprus, EPP/CD) for another year (following the first year of her mandate);

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 (*subject to availability of funds*):

. Meeting of the Bureau of the North-South Centre and the North-South Prize Ceremony, Lisbon (Portugal), 12 June 2014: Ms Maryvonne Blondin (France, SOC);

– **Reports from committee representatives to external events:** heard a statement by its member:

. Mr Valeriu Ghiletschi (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD) on the Launching Conference of the Guide on the decision-making process regarding medical treatment in end-of-life situations, Strasbourg, 5 May 2014, (in replacement of Mr Rubén Moreno Palanques (Spain, EPP/CD)), and on the 5th plenary meeting of the Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO), Strasbourg, 5-7 May 2014;

– **Ad hoc Sub-Committee to participate in the Conference on the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child 2012-2015, Dubrovnik (Croatia), 27-28 March 2014:** heard a report by the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson of the *Ad hoc* Sub-Committee on its meeting in Dubrovnik on 27 and 28 March 2014;

– **The impact of increasing social exclusion on democratic institutions and participation: need for strong action:** (*Rapporteur: Mr Mike Hancock, United Kingdom, ALDE*): agreed to a request for an extension of the reference until 31 December 2014;

• **Tuesday, 13 May 2014:**

– **18th meeting of the PACE Network of Contact Parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against children on “Towards optimum conditions for reporting and successfully prosecuting child sexual abuse cases”**

- held exchanges of views as follows:

On reporting systems for child sexual abuse cases, with:

- Mr Valeriu Ghiletschi (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CDD), Rapporteur on “Increasing the reporting of suspected sexual abuse of children”;
- Mr Johan Van den Hout (Netherlands, SOC), Thematic Spokesperson on Children of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe;

On child-friendly justice in child sexual abuse cases, with:

- Dr George Nikolaidis, Director of the Department of Mental Health & Social Welfare, Institute of Child Health, Representative of Greece in the Lanzarote Committee;
- Dr Antonios St. Stylianou, Director of UNic Law Clinic, University of Nicosia (Cyprus), member of the Senior Advisory Board of “Hope for Children”, UNCRC Policy Center;

- heard a statement by Mr George Theofanous, Goodwill Ambassador, Council of Europe ONE in FIVE Campaign;

- held a round table on “Managing change of mentality and in institutions regarding reporting and successfully prosecuting child sexual abuse cases”, moderated by Mr Vincent Peiffert, consultant expert, France, with the participation of:

- Ms Leda Koursoumba, Commissioner for Children’s Rights, Cyprus;
- Mr Costas Veis, Superintendent B, Cyprus Police;
- Ms Louiza Christodoulou Zannetou, Senior Counsel of the Republic, Office of the Attorney General, Republic of Cyprus;
- Ms Elena Efrem, Senior District Judge, Supreme Court, Republic of Cyprus;
- Ms Nicoletta Renco, Advisory Committee for the Prevention and Combating of Violence in the Family in Cyprus;

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

Plenary committee:

- 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:

- Third part-session 2014 of the Assembly, 24 June 2014, Strasbourg (*date to be confirmed*);
- Fourth part-session 2014 of the Assembly, 29 September – 3 October 2014, Strasbourg (*date to be confirmed*).

Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter:

- 17-18 October 2014, Turin (Italy) (*subject to the Bureau’s authorisation*).

The Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter, meeting in Nicosia on 12 May 2014, in the absence of the Sub-Committee’s Bureau, with Mr Valeriu Ghiletschi (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD), Chairperson of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development (and *ex officio* member of the Sub-Committee), in the Chair:

- **High level Conference on the European Social Charter, Turin (Italy), 17-18 October 2014:**

- . took note of the stage of organisation of this event in which the Sub-Committee had already decided to participate to represent the Assembly (*subject to the Bureau’s authorisation*);
- . considered the possibility of holding a second parliamentary capacity-building workshop on the implementation of social rights on 17 October 2014 as a side event to the conference;
- . took note of an early suggestion for the theme of such a seminar on the basis of the selection of conclusions of non-conformity addressed to the Assembly by the European Committee of Social Rights: “Ensuring adequate levels of social security and social assistance in economic crisis situations”;

- **Date and place of next meeting:** Third part-session 2014 of the Assembly, Strasbourg (*date to be confirmed*).

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
Secretaries of observer and partner for democracy delegations
Secretary General of the Congress
Secretary to the Committee of Ministers
Directors General
Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe
Director of the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights
Director of Communication
Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe