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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 30 September to 2 October 2014

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

- **on Tuesday, 30 September 2014 at 8.30 am**, with Mr Valeriu Ghiletschi (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:
  - **Mr Jim Dobbin**: paid tribute to a former member, former Vice-Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Public Health, and former Vice-Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize, who had passed away on 7 September 2014;
  - **Protection of the right to bargain collectively** (*Rapporteur: Mr Andrej Hunko, Germany, UEL*): held a hearing on the basis of an introductory memorandum with the participation of Mr Klaus Lörcher, former Legal Adviser to the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) and former Legal Secretary of the Civil Service Tribunal of the European Union, Germany, and agreed to change the title to “Protection of the right to bargain collectively including the right to strike” as suggested by the rapporteur;
  - **Towards a new European Social Model** (*Rapporteur: Ms Maria de Belém Roseira, Portugal, SOC*): closely linked to the previous item, with which it was initially foreseen for a joint debate, and based on a special request put forward by the Chairperson (in the rapporteur’s absence and on her behalf), agreed to submit to the Bureau a request for an extension of the reference until 15 June 2015;
  - **Inhabitants of frontier regions of Azerbaijan are deliberately deprived of water** (*Rapporteur: Ms Milica Marković, Bosnia and Herzegovina, SOC*): considered an outline report and authorised the rapporteur to carry out fact-finding visits to Armenia and Azerbaijan, including in particular the area surrounding the Sarsang reservoir;
  - **Europe Prize**: heard a presentation by the Secretariat on the Europe Prize system and paid tribute to the longstanding work of Ms Marie-Anne Menger, who had been in charge of the Europe Prize Section and who was soon to retire from the Council of Europe;
- **on Thursday, 2 October 2014 at 8.30 am**, with Mr Valeriu Ghiletschi (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD), Chairperson of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, and Ms Ana Guțu (Republic of Moldova, ALDE), Chairperson of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media, in the Chair, as regards:
  - **20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the PACE Network of Contact Parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against children and joint meeting with the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media**:
    - heard a statement by Ms Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, on the state of play of the Council of Europe ONE in FIVE Campaign;

- held an exchange of views on “Over-sexualisation of children in society” with:
  - Ms Lucy Emmerson, Coordinator, Sex Education Forum (United Kingdom);
  - Ms Nadine Schirtz, Chief Editor and Project Manager, BEE SECURE, National Youth Service (Luxembourg);
- **on Thursday, 2 October 2014 at 2 pm**, with Mr Valeriu Ghiletschi (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:
  - ***Towards optimum breast cancer services across Europe*** (*Rapporteur: Ms Stella Kyriakides, Cyprus, EPP/CD*): noted that no amendments to the report had been tabled and held an exchange of views with Ms Karen Benn, Head of Public Affairs, Europa Donna;
  - ***The impact of increasing social exclusion on democratic institutions and participation: need for strong action*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Mike Hancock, United Kingdom, ALDE*): considered a draft report, changed the title to “Social exclusion – a danger for Europe’s democracies” and unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation with a view to a debate at the November 2014 Standing Committee meeting;
  - ***Road safety in Europe as a public health priority*** (*Rapporteur: Ms Naira Karapetyan, Armenia, EPP/CD*): considered an outline report;
  - ***Committee’s work programme and priorities:***
    - appointed rapporteurs as follows:
      - *For report:*
        - *Involuntary placement and treatment of people with psychosocial disability: need for a new paradigm:* Ms Guguli Magradze (Georgia, SOC);
    - and heard from her a declaration on the absence of a conflict of interests;
  - appointed its representatives to external events as follows (*subject to availability of funds*):
    - 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Committee of the Parties to the Convention on the protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse (Lanzarote Committee), 9-11 September 2014, Strasbourg: Mr Valeriu Ghiletschi (Moldova, EPP/CD) – retroactively;
    - IPU (Inter-Parliamentary Union) meeting on water governance and climate change, 14-15 October 2014, Geneva (*at no cost to the PACE*): Lord John Prescott (United Kingdom, SOC) and Mr Luc Recordon (Switzerland, SOC);
    - United Nations Climate Change Conference, 1-12 December 2014, Lima (Peru), including a Parliamentary Meeting, organised by the IPU, on 8 December 2014 (*at no cost to the PACE; participation limited to the last week of the conference*): Lord John Prescott (United Kingdom, SOC);
    - 6<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting of the Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO), 12-14 November 2014, Strasbourg: left it to the Chairperson to appoint a representative;
    - Other invitations pending: left it to the Chairperson to appoint a representative;
- authorised fact-finding visits to Geneva (19-20 November 2014) and London (*date to be determined in 2015*) in the framework of the report on “Protecting patients and public health against undue influence of the pharmaceutical industry”, as requested by the Rapporteur, Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC);
- heard a statement by Mr Valeriu Ghiletschi (Republic of Moldova, EPP/DC) who took part in the General Assembly and Youth Meeting of the Association of Towns Awarded the Europe Prize, held in Ankara (Turkey) on 5 - 8 September 2014 and in the 9th meeting of the Committee of the Parties to the Convention on the protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse (Lanzarote Committee) held in Strasbourg on 9-11 September 2014;

- took note of the reply of the Committee of Ministers to PACE recommendation on “Towards a Council of Europe convention to combat trafficking in organs, tissues and cells of human origin”;
- **Changes to the membership of Sub-Committees:** approved the changes in its Sub-Committees as follows:
  - Sub-Committee on Public Health
    - Mr David Crausby (United Kingdom, SOC) has replaced Mr Jim Dobbin (United Kingdom, SOC) as titular member
    - Mr Jim D’Arcy (Ireland, EPP/CD) has left the Sub-Committee
  - Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize
    - Mr John Prescott (United Kingdom, SOC) has replaced Mr Jim Dobbin (United Kingdom, SOC) as titular member
  - Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter
    - Ms Andreja Črnak Meglič (Slovenia, SOC) has left the Sub-Committee
    - Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) has now become a titular member
    - Mr Jim D’Arcy (Ireland, EPP/CD) has left the Sub-Committee
  - Sub-Committee on the Environment and Energy
    - Mr Jakob Presečnik (Slovenia, EPP/CD) has now left the Sub-Committee
- **Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter:** heard a report by the Chairperson on the meeting held on 30 September 2014 (in the absence of the Sub-Committee Bureau and of the first Vice-Chairperson, Mr Hunko (Germany, UEL), who had chaired that meeting);
- **Sub-Committee on Environment and Energy:** heard a report by the Chairperson on the meeting held on 30 September 2014 (in the absence of the Sub-Committee Chairperson, Lord John Prescott (United Kingdom, SOC));
- **World Forum for Democracy:** took note of the information on the Forum and appointed two more members on behalf of the Committee - Mr André Bugnon (Switzerland, ALDE) and Mr Igor Kolman (Croatia, ALDE);
- **Date and place of next meetings:**
  - Plenary committee:**
    - Tuesday, 2 December 2014, Paris (Council of Europe Office);
  - PACE network of contact parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against children:**
    - First part-session 2015 of the Assembly, 26-30 January 2015, Strasbourg (*date to be confirmed*);
  - Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter:**
    - Friday 17 and Saturday 18 October 2014, Turin (Italy), including participation in the High-level Conference on the European Social Charter;
    - Parliamentary seminar on “Ensuring safe and healthy working conditions”, Monday, 10 November 2014, Paris (Council of Europe Office).

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**The Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter**, meeting in Strasbourg on 30 September 2014, with Mr Andrej Hunko (Germany, UEL), first Vice-Chairperson of the plenary Committee, in the Chair, as regards:

- **High-level Conference on the European Social Charter, Turin (Italy), 17-18 October 2014:** prepared its meeting to be held in the framework of this Conference, including by holding an informal exchange of views with Mr Michele Nicoletti, Vice-President of the Parliamentary Assembly and designated General Rapporteur of the High-level Conference;
- **Parliamentary seminar on “Ensuring safe and healthy working conditions”, Paris, 10 November 2014:** prepared the seminar and took note of the fact that relevant invitations to Chairpersons of national parliamentary committees dealing with social rights had just been sent out and that members of delegations concerned were invited to follow up on the designation of their representatives;
- **Work Programme of the Sub-Committee:** postponed the in-depth discussion on this item and any proposals for the upcoming work programme in 2015 to its next meeting in Turin on 17-18 October 2014;
- **Date and place of the next meetings:**
  - Friday 17 and Saturday 18 October 2014, Turin (Italy);
  - Monday 10 November 2014 in Paris (Council of Europe Office) for the second edition of the capacity-building seminar on the implementation of social rights on “Ensuring safe and healthy working conditions”.

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**The Sub-Committee on Environment and Energy**, meeting in Strasbourg on 30 September 2014, with Lord Prescott (United Kingdom, SOC), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Water governance and related legal frameworks:** held an exchange of views with Mr Jean-Benoit Charrin, Executive Director of WaterLex International, and took note of the preparations for participation in the IPU (Inter-Parliamentary Union) meeting on water governance on 15 October 2014 in Geneva – in the run-up to the 7<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum from 12 to 17 April 2015 in Daegu-Gyeongbuk, the Republic of Korea;
- **Global negotiations on tackling climate change:** heard a statement by its Chairperson on the latest developments and discussed its contribution to the parliamentary meetings, organised by the IPU, on 14 October 2014 in Geneva and on 8 December 2014 in Lima, Peru (during the United Nations Climate Change Conference, COP20/CMP10, from 1 to 12 December 2014);
- **Work programme of the Sub-Committee:** took note of its revised work programme;
- **Date and place of the next meeting:** to be confirmed.

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