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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 2 December 2014

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

- **Social rights and social dialogue in times of crisis:** held an exchange of views with Mr Maxime Cerutti, Director of the Social Affairs Department, Business Europe, Brussels, in the framework of the preparation of the Committee reports on “Towards a new European Social Model” (Rapporteur: Ms Maria de Belém Roseira, Portugal, SOC) and “Protection of the right to bargain collectively including the right to strike” (Rapporteur: Mr Andrej Hunko, Germany, UEL);
- **Protection of the right to bargain collectively including the right to strike** (Rapporteur: Mr Andrej Hunko, Germany, 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 January 2015 part-session;
- **The need for a citizenship income** (Rapporteur: Ms Nunzia Catalfo, Italy, NR): considered an outline report;
- **Handling the Ebola outbreak:** held an exchange of views with the participation of:
 - . Dr Bruce Aylward, Assistant Director-General, Emergencies, WHO;
 - . Dr Guenaël Rodier, Director of the Communicable diseases Division, WHO;
 - . Ms Marie Noëlle Rodrigue, Director of operations of Doctors Without Borders;
- **Ensuring children with attention problems are properly cared for** (Rapporteur: Ms Sílvia Eloísa Bonet Perot, Andorra, SOC): considered a draft report, changed the title to “Ensuring comprehensive treatment for children with attention problems” and unanimously adopted a draft resolution, with a view to presenting the report for a debate at the March 2015 Standing Committee meeting;
- **Changes to the membership of Sub-Committees:** approved the following changes:
 - Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter
 - Mr Stefaan Vercamer (Belgium, EPP/CD) has replaced Mr Roel Deseyn (Belgium, EPP/CD) as a titular member;
 - Mr Damien Thiéry (Belgium, ALDE) has replaced Mr Patrick De Groot (Belgium, NR) as alternate;
 - Mr Mikael Oscarsson (Sweden, EPP/CD) is no longer a substitute for Ms Carina Ohlsson (Sweden, SOC);
 - Sub-Committee on the Environment and Energy
 - Ms Petra De Sutter (Belgium, SOC) has replaced Mr Philippe Blanchart (Belgium, SOC) as a full member;

- Mr Stefaan Vercamer (Belgium, EPP/CD) has replaced Mr Patrick De Groote (Belgium, NR) as alternate;
- Ms Carina Ohlsson (Sweden, SOC) has replaced Mr Mikael Oscarsson (Sweden, EPP/CD) as full member;

Sub-Committee on Public Health

- Ms Petra De Sutter (Belgium, SOC) has replaced Mr Philippe Blanchart (Belgium, SOC) as alternate to Ms Cindy Fransson (Belgium, EPP/CD);
- Mr Lennart Axelsson (Sweden, SOC) and Ms Marietta de Pourbaix-Lundin (Sweden, EPP/CD) have both left the delegation;

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

- appointed rapporteurs as follows :

. *For report:*

- *The exploration and exploitation of non-conventional hydrocarbons in Europe:* Mr Salvador Sedó (Spain, EPP/CD);
- *Drafting social indicators and issuing an annual report on social rights:* Mr Konstantinos Triantafyllos (Greece, SOC);

and heard from them declarations of absence of conflict of interest;

- postponed the appointment of a rapporteur on "*Human rights and ethical issues related to surrogacy*" to the next meeting during the January 2015 part-session;
- approved a change to the programme of fact-finding visits for the report on "*Improving children's access to child-friendly health and social services*" according to the request submitted by the Chairperson on behalf of the Rapporteur, Ms Stella Kyriakides (Cyprus, EPP/CD) who was absent, and authorised her to visit Greece instead of Spain;
- ***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, NR*): based on a 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 30 June 2015;

– Appointment of Committee representatives to external events: appointed its representatives as follows (*subject to availability of funds*):

- Conference on the "Best interests of the child", within the framework of the 25th anniversary of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, organised by the Council of Europe and the Belgian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers, Brussels, 9-10 December 2014: Mr Valeriu Ghiletschi (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD);
- Conference on « The future of fundamental social rights in Europe », Brussels, 12-13 February 2015: Ms Maria de Bélem Roseira (Portugal, SOC);
- 7th World Water Forum, Daegu-Gyeongbuk (the Republic of Korea), 12-17 April 2015 (at no cost to the PACE): Mr Luc Recordon (Switzerland, SOC);

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

- Ms Sílvia Eloïsa Bonet Perot (Andorra, SOC), who took part in the 6th plenary meeting of the Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO), 12-14 November 2014, Strasbourg;
- Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva (Azerbaijan, EC), who took part in the 1st meeting of the Committee of Experts on the Council of Europe on Strategy for the Rights of the Child (DECS-ENF), 13-14 November 2014, Strasbourg;

- **Transmission of motions for information:** took note of the following motions and decided as follows:
 - Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership, democracy, rights and the rule of law: decided to keep this issue on its agenda and to invite one of the signatories of the motion to one of its next meetings.
 - Addressing tax avoidance by net firms
 - Obesity in Europe and expressing sugar in teaspoonfuls on packaging
- **Reply of the Committee of Ministers:** considered the reply of the Committee of Ministers to the recommendations on:
 - “Ending child poverty in Europe”;
 - “Combating sexual violence against children: towards a successful conclusion of the ONE in FIVE Campaign”;

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

Plenary committee:

- First part-session 2015 of the Assembly, 26-30 January 2015, Strasbourg;
- Tuesday, 24 March 2015, Paris (Council of Europe Office);
- Second part-session 2015 of the Assembly, 20-24 April 2015, Strasbourg;
- Friday, 22 May 2015, Paris (Council of Europe Office) (*to be confirmed*) ;
- Third part-session 2015 of the Assembly, 22-26 June 2015, Strasbourg;
- Friday, 11 September 2015, Paris (Council of Europe Office);
- Fourth part-session 2015 of the Assembly, 28 September-2 October 2015, Strasbourg;

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*).

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