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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 24 March 2015

The Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, meeting in Paris on 24 March 2015, with Mr Valeriu Ghiletschi (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- ***Towards a new European Social Model*** (*Rapporteur: Ms Maria de Belém Roseira, Portugal, SOC*): held an exchange of views with Professor Pasquale Tridico, Professor of Labour Economics, University Roma Tre, Italy, and considered an introductory memorandum;
- ***Follow-up to the Resolution 2031 (2015) on “Terrorist attacks in Paris: together for a democratic response”***: held an exchange of views with Mr Bernard De Vos, Ombudsman for Children's Rights of the Federation Wallonia-Brussels, on “Reacting constructively to the radicalisation of children”;
- ***Protecting patients against undue influence of the pharmaceutical industry*** (*Rapporteur: Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier, Switzerland, SOC*): heard an account by the rapporteur on her fact-finding visit to London on 26 and 27 February 2015;
- ***The exploration and exploitation of non-conventional hydrocarbons in Europe*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Salvador Sedó, Spain, EPP/CD*):
 - heard a statement by the rapporteur on the basis of an outline for a report;
 - held a hearing with the participation of:
 - Mr Gregor Erbach, Policy Analyst, European Parliamentary Research Services, European Parliament, Brussels;
 - Mr Christian Besson, Advisor, Directorate of Global Energy Economics, International Energy Agency (IEA), Paris; and
 - Mr Antoine Simon, Economic Justice Programme, Extractive Industries Campaigner, Friends of the Earth Europe, Brussels, Belgium;
 - authorised the rapporteur to carry out a fact-finding visit to the International Energy Agency (IEA) in Paris, France, and the European Commission in Brussels, Belgium;
- ***Involuntary placement and treatment of people with psychosocial disability: need for a new paradigm*** (*Rapporteur: Ms Guguli Magradze, Georgia, SOC*): considered an introductory memorandum and agreed to make it available to the Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO) and the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights;

- **Committee’s work programme and priorities:** approved its priorities for 2015;
 - **Appointment of rapporteurs:**
 - *The employment rights of female workers from Eastern Europe (for report):* appointed Mr Viorel Badea (Romania, EPP/CD) (in his absence), who will be invited to make a declaration on the absence of a conflict of interests at a future meeting;
 - decided to postpone the appointment of general rapporteurs to its next meeting;
 - **Motions for resolutions/recommendations:**
 - *“For evenly balanced regions in Europe”:* decided to propose to the Bureau that no follow-up be given to this motion for a resolution;
 - *“Human rights compatibility of investor-State arbitration in international investment protection agreements”:* was informed that this motion had been referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights for report and decided to request that the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development be seized for opinion;
 - *Motion for a resolution on “Moratorium on fracking across Europe”:* took note that this motion had been transmitted to it to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on “The exploration and exploitation of non-conventional hydrocarbons in Europe”;
 - appointed its **representatives to external events** (subject to availability of funds) as follows:
 - *International Conference on “Emerging Technologies and Human Rights”, Strasbourg, 4-5 May 2015:* Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC);
 - *7th plenary meeting of the Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO), Strasbourg, 5-7 May 2015:* Ms Guguli Magradze (Georgia, SOC);
 - **Reports from committee representatives at external events:** heard a report from Mr Valeriu Ghiletschi (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD) on his participation in the meeting of the “Lanzarote Committee” (Committee of the Parties to the Council of Europe Convention on the protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse) in The Hague on 16-19 March 2015;
- **Invitation to an external meeting to be held in Chisinau, Republic of Moldova:** accepted an invitation from the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova, to hold a meeting in Chisinau (Republic of Moldova) on 18-20 May 2015, including a parliamentary seminar on social rights, a plenary meeting and a meeting of the Network of contact parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against children (*subject to authorisation by the Bureau*);
- **Organisation of a Parliamentary Conference on the MEDICRIME Convention, Paris, 24 November 2015:** heard a statement by the Chairperson;
- **Declaration on the occasion of World Health Day (7 April 2015):** took note of the Chairpersons’ intention to publish a declaration on food safety on the Committee’s website;
- **Membership of Sub-Committees:** approved the following changes:
 - **Sub-Committee on Public Health:**
Mr Khalid CHAOUKI (Italy, SOC) became a full member;
M. Denis JACQUAT (France, EPP/CD) became a full member;
 - **Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter:**
Mr Joris BACKER (Netherlands, ALDE) has left the Committee;
Ms Nunzia CATALFO (Italy, NR) became a full member;

- **Sub-Committee on the Environment and Energy:**
Ms Laura PUPPATO (Italy, SOC) became a full member;

- **Sub-Committee of the Europe Prize:**

Ms Cristina De PIETRO (Italy, ALDE) became a full member;

Mr David CRAUSBY (United Kingdom, SOC) became a full member with Mr Jeffrey DONALDSON (Royaume-Uni, EC) as his alternate;

Mr David T.C. DAVIES (United Kingdom, CE) replaced Mr Jeffrey DONALDSON (Royaume-Uni, EC) as alternate to Mr Robert Neill (United Kingdom, SOC);

Lord John PRESCOTT (United Kingdom, SOC) replaced Mr David CRAUSBY (United Kingdom, SOC) as alternate to Sir Alan MEALE (United Kingdom, SOC);

– **Václav Havel Human Rights Prize:** heard a reminder about the deadline for nominations for the 2015 Prize;

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

Plenary committee:

- Second part-session 2015 of the Assembly, 20-24 April 2015, Strasbourg;
- Tuesday, 19 May 2015 and Wednesday, 20 May 2015, Chisinau (Republic of Moldova) (*subject to Bureau authorisation*);
- 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;
- Monday, 23 November 2015, Paris (Council of Europe Office);
- Tuesday, 24 November 2015, Paris: OECD Conference Centre, Paris, Parliamentary Conference on the MEDICRIME Convention;

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

- Second part-session 2015 of the Assembly, 23 April 2015, Strasbourg (*date to be confirmed*);
- Wednesday, 20 May 2015, Chisinau (Republic of Moldova) (*subject to Bureau authorisation*);
- Third part-session 2015 of the Assembly, 22-26 June 2015, Strasbourg (*date to be confirmed*);
- Fourth part-session 2015 of the Assembly, 28 September-2 October 2015, Strasbourg (*date to be confirmed*);

Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter:

- Parliamentary seminar organised in the framework of the Eastern Partnership Programme, Monday 18 May 2015, Chisinau (Republic of Moldova) (*subject to Bureau authorisation*).

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