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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 21 to 23 April 2015

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

- **Tuesday, 21 April 2015 at 2 pm**, with Mr Valeriu Ghilechi (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:
 - **Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize**: heard a report on the Sub-Committee meeting in Strasbourg on 21 April 2015 and approved the proposals submitted by the Sub-Committee for the different awards as indicated in the appendix;
 - **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*): considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution with a view to presenting it for debate in the Standing Committee in Sarajevo on 22 May 2015;
 - **Protecting patients and public health against undue influence of the pharmaceutical industry** (*Rapporteur: Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier, Switzerland, SOC*): considered an introductory memorandum;
 - **World Day of Safety and Health at Work, 28 April 2015**: upon the proposal of its Chairperson, unanimously adopted a declaration;
 - **Committee's work programme and priorities**:
 - considered and approved the following motions for a resolution for submission to the Table Office:
 - Over-sexualisation of children
 - Preventing the radicalisation of children by fighting the root causes
 - heard statements by its members as follows:
 - . Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC) on her participation in the International Conference on the fight against Trafficking in Human Organs, Santiago de Compostela (Spain), 25-26 March 2015;
 - . Mr Luc Recordon (Switzerland, SOC) on his participation in the 7th World Water Forum, Daegu-Gyeongbuk (the Republic of Korea), 12-17 April 2015;

- **Wednesday, 22 April 2015, at 2 pm**, with Mr Igor Kolman (Croatia, ALDE), Vice-Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:
 - ***Human rights and ethical issues related to surrogacy*** (*Rapporteur: Ms Petra De Sutter, Belgium, SOC*): considered an outline report;
 - ***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*): took position on the 9 amendments tabled to the draft resolution on the subject;
 - ***Committee's work programme and priorities*** :
 - appointed Lord John Prescott (United Kingdom, SOC) as its representative to take part in the United Nations Climate Change Conference, Paris (France), 30 November to 11 December 2015 (*subject to the availability of funds; participation limited to three days*);
 - heard a report from Mr Cezar Florin Preda (Romania, EPP/CD) who took part in the annual 2015 session of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO, organised jointly by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the European Parliament, Geneva (Switzerland), 16-17 February 2015;
 - appointed rapporteurs as follows:
 - . *For report:*
 - *The handling of international public health emergencies*: Ms Silvia Eloïsa Bonet Perot (Andorra, SOC);
 - . *For opinion:*
 - *Human rights compatibility of investor–State arbitration in international investment protection agreements*: Mr Tuur Elzinga (Netherlands, UEL);
 - . General Rapporteur on Children of the Parliamentary Assembly: Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva (Azerbaijan, EC);
 - . General Rapporteur on Local and Regional Authorities of the Parliamentary Assembly: Mr Jeffrey Donaldson (United Kingdom, EC);
 - heard declarations on the absence of a conflict of interests from Ms Bonet Perot and Ms Fataliyeva, decided to invite Mr Elzinga and Mr Donaldson who were appointed in their absence to make such declarations at a future meeting, and heard a declaration on the absence of a conflict of interest from Mr Badea (Romania, EPP/CD), who had had been appointed rapporteur on “The employment rights of female workers from Eastern Europe” at an earlier meeting;
 - heard a statement by the Chairperson concerning the organisation of a Parliamentary Conference on the MEDICRIME Convention to be held in Paris, on 24 November 2015;
 - ***Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter***: heard a report on the sub-committee meeting held on 20 April 2015;
 - ***Membership of Sub-Committees***: approved the following changes:
 - ***Sub-Committee on the Environment and Energy***:
Mr Arturas SKARDŽIUS (Lithuania, SOC) became a full member;
Mr Andrej ŠIRCELJ (Slovenia, EPP/CD) became a full member;

- *Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize*

Ms Theodora TZAKRI (Greece, UEL) became a full member;
Mr Arturas SKARDŽIUS (Lithuania, SOC) became a full member;
Mr Andrej ŠIRCELJ (Slovenia, EPP/CD) became a full member;

- *Sub-Committee on Public Health:*

Ms Sílvia Eloïsa BONET PEROT (Andorra, SOC) became a full member;
Ms Naira KARAPETYAN (Armenia, EPP/CD) became a full member;
Mr Oleksii HONCHARENKO (Ukraine, NR) became a full member;

- *Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter:*

Ms Sílvia Eloïsa BONET PEROT (Andorra, SOC) became a full member;
Ms Naira KARAPETYAN (Armenia, EPP/CD) became a full member;
Ms Antigoni LYMPERAKI (Greece, SOC) became a full member and Ms Theodora TZAKRI (Greece, UEL) become her alternate;

- ***Nominations for the 2015 Václav Havel Human Rights Prize:*** took note of the fast-approaching deadline for submitting nominations;

- **Thursday, 23 April 2015, at 8.30 am**, with Mr Valeriu Ghiletschi (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD) and Ms Adele Gambaro (Italy, ALDE), Chairperson of the Committee on Culture, Science Education and Media, in the Chair, as regards:

- ***22nd 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 from Ms Gabriella Battaini-Draconi, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, concerning the ONE in FIVE Campaign;

- held an exchange of views on “Sex and relationship education as a means of preventing sexual violence against children” with the participation of:

- Dr Attila Andics, teacher trainer, psychologist, brain researcher, Academy of Sciences - Eötvös University, Budapest (Hungary), and
- Ms Sanderijn van der Doef, Technical Advisor on the Sexual Health of Young people and Children, RutgersWPF NGO (Netherlands);

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

Plenary committee:

- Tuesday, 19 May 2015, Chisinau (Republic of Moldova);
- 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), Parliamentary Conference on the MEDICRIME Convention;

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

- Wednesday, 20 May 2015, Chisinau (Republic of Moldova);
- 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*);

The Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter, meeting in Strasbourg on 20 April 2015, with Mr Tuur Elzinga (Netherlands, UEL), in the Chair:

- **Parliamentary seminar on “Fostering social rights in the Eastern Partnership area: focus on the European Social Charter”, to be held in Chisinau (Republic of Moldova) on 18 May 2015:** discussed preparations for the seminar;
- took note of its work programme;
- **Date and place of the next meeting:** Monday 18 May 2015, Chisinau (Republic of Moldova) for the Parliamentary seminar on “Fostering social rights in the Eastern Partnership area: focus on the European Social Charter”.

The Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize, meeting in Strasbourg on 21 April 2015, with first Mr Axel Fischer (Germany, EPP/CD), and then Mr Valeriu Ghiletschi (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD), in the Chair:

- **Europe Prize 2015:** proposed to award the prize to Dresden (Germany) and Vara (Sweden);
- **Plaques of Honour, Flags of Honour and European Diplomas for 2015:** proposed to award these distinctions to 29 towns as shown in the appendix;
- **Preparations for the 60th Anniversary of the Europe Prize, Strasbourg, 22 June 2015:** considered a draft programme;
- **Date and place of the next meeting:** decided to hold its next meetings as follows:
 - 60th Anniversary of the Europe Prize and the presentation ceremony of European Diplomas in Strasbourg on 22 June 2015, during the June part-session of the Assembly;
 - Europe Prize 2015 presentation ceremony in Dresden (Germany) and Vara (Sweden) (*dates to be defined*).

Tanja Kleinsorge, Aiste Ramanauskaite, Maren Lambrecht-Feigl, Ayşegül Elveriş, Jannick Devaux,
Prisca Barthel

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

APPENDIX

Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize

WINNERS OF THE EUROPE PRIZE, THE PLAQUE OF HONOUR, THE FLAG OF HONOUR AND THE EUROPEAN DIPLOMA FOR 2015

1. EUROPE PRIZE

The city of **DRESDEN** (Saxony) in Germany and the city of **VARA** (Prov. of Västergötland) in Sweden

2. PLAQUES OF HONOUR

The **Plaque of Honour**, which is the second highest distinction after the Europe Prize, was awarded to 8 municipalities:

Germany	Aschaffenburg (Bavaria) Bergen auf Rügen (Mecklenburg- Western Pomerania) Ingolstadt (Bavaria)
Italy	Cervia (Ravenna)
Poland	Puławy (Voivodship of Lublin) Sopot (Voivodship of Pomerania)
Spain	Terrassa (Catalonia)
Ukraine	Ternopil (Ternopil region)

3. FLAGS OF HONOUR

The **Flag of Honour** was awarded to 9 municipalities:

France	Creil (Oise) Longueau (Somme)
Germany	Kerpen (North Rhine-Westphalia) Roßdorf (Hessen)
Lithuania	Palanga (Klaipėda County)
Poland	Wisła (Voivodship of Silesia)
Ukraine	Brovary (Kyiv region) Cherkasy (Cherkasy region) Vinnitsia (Vinnitsia region)

4. EUROPEAN DIPLOMAS

The **European Diploma** was awarded to 12 municipalities:

France	Lourdes (Hautes-Pyrénées)
Germany	Stutensee (Baden-Württemberg)
Italy	Candelo (Province of Biella)
Lithuania	Birštonas (Kaunas County)
Poland	Kielce (Voivodship of Świętokrzyskie) Reńska Wieś (Voivodship of Opole)
Serbia	Kanjiža (Vojvodina)
Turkey	Büyükçekmece (District of Istanbul) Karşıyaka (District of Izmir)
Ukraine	Khmelnitski (Khmelnitski region) Rivne (Rivne region)
United Kingdom	Burnley (Lancashire)