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

### Synopsis of the meeting held in Chisinau (Republic of Moldova) from 18 to 20 May 2015

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

- **Tuesday, 19 May 2015:**
  - **Exchange of views with the authorities of the Republic of Moldova:** heard statements by Ms Liliana Palihovici, Deputy Speaker of the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova, and by Mr Nicolae Jeleanschi, Deputy Minister of Health of the Republic of Moldova;
  - **Towards a new European Social Model** (*Rapporteur: Ms Maria de Belém Roseira, Portugal, SOC*): considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution as amended in the absence of the Rapporteur, with a view to presenting the report for debate in the Assembly during the June 2015 part-session;
  - **The need for a citizenship income** (*Rapporteur: Ms Nunzia Catalfo, Italy, NR*): considered a revised outline report and held an exchange of views with Mr Fintan Farrell, Project Officer, European Anti-Poverty Network (EAPN), Brussels;
  - **Improving children's access to child-friendly health and social services** (*Rapporteur: Ms Stella Kyriakides, Cyprus, EPP/CD*): held a hearing with the participation of Mr Vadim Pistrinciuc, Vice-President of the Parliamentary Committee for Social Protection, Health and Family of the Republic of Moldova, Mr Iñaki Gonzalez, Advisor to the Ombudsman of Andalusia, Spain, and Ms Charikleia Tziouvara, Paediatrician, Doctors of the World, Greece;
  - **Handling international public health emergencies** (*Rapporteur: Ms Silvia Eloïsa Bonet Perot, Andorra, SOC*): considered an outline report;
  - **Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter:** heard a report on the Sub-Committee meeting held on 18 May 2015;
  - **Committee's work programme and priorities:**
    - appointed **rapporteurs** as follows:
      - decided to merge the motions for a resolution on "The "Turin process" for the European Social Charter" and on "Drafting social indicators and issuing an annual report on social rights," and appointed Ms Antigoni Lymperaki (Greece, SOC) rapporteur (*for report*);

- "Equality and shared parental responsibility: the rights of fathers" (*for opinion*): Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC);

and heard declarations on the absence of a conflict of interests from them;

- **General rapporteurs:** considered and approved updated terms of reference for the General Rapporteur on Local and Regional Authorities and the General Rapporteur on Children, and heard statements from Ms Stella Kyriakides (Cyprus, EPP/CD) and Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva (Azerbaijan, EC), respectively the former and the new General Rapporteur on Children;

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

. North South Prize award ceremony, Lisbon (Portugal), 1 July 2015: Ms Maryvonne Blondin (France, SOC);

. 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Committee of the Parties to the Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (Lanzarote Committee), Strasbourg (France), 15-17 June 2015, and High Level Cross-Regional Meeting on the Protection of Children from Sexual Violence, Strasbourg (France), 18-19 June 2015: Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva (Azerbaijan, EC) in her capacity as General Rapporteur on Children;

. one of the upcoming meetings of the Committee of the Parties to the Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (Lanzarote Committee): Ms Stella Kyriakides (Cyprus, EPP/CD) in her capacity as contact parliamentarian for Cyprus upon invitation of the Chairperson of the Lanzarote Committee for a presentation of the Council of Europe project involving pilot initiatives in Cyprus;

- **Reports from committee representatives to external events:** heard statements as follows:

. Ms Guguli Magradze (Georgia, SOC) on the 7<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting of the Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO), Strasbourg, 5-7 May 2015;

. Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva (Azerbaijan, EC) on the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Committee of Experts on the Council of Europe Strategy on the Rights of Child (DECS-ENF), Strasbourg, 12-13 May 2015;

- **"The fate of critically ill prisoners in Turkish prisons"**: was informed by the Chairperson that this motion had been referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights for report, that the latter had decided to change the title of the report to "The fate of critically ill detainees in Europe" and decided to request that the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development be seized for opinion in view of the change in title;

• **Wednesday, 20 May 2015:**

**23<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the PACE Network of Contact Parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against children on "Strategies and mechanisms to protect children from sexual abuse, trafficking and sexual exploitation":**

- heard a thematic introduction by:

- Ms Tatiana Țurcanu, Head of the Directorate for European Integration, Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Moldova, member of the Lanzarote Committee (Republic of Moldova);
- Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva, General Rapporteur on Children of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe; and
- Mr Johan van den Hout, Thematic Spokesperson on Children of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe;

- held exchanges of views as follows:

on **"Strategies and mechanisms to protect children from sexual abuse: good practices"**, with:

- Ms Daniela Simboteanu, President of the National Center for Child Abuse Prevention, NCCAP (Republic of Moldova); and
- Ms Sigrid Richter-Unger, Executive board member of the German Society for Prevention and Intervention in cases of Child Abuse and Neglect, DGfPI (Germany);

on “Tackling trafficking in and sexual exploitation of children”, with:

- Ms Frauke de Kort, Chief of Child Protection Section, UNICEF Moldova;
- Ms Bharti Patel, Chief Executive Officer of ECPAT, End child prostitution, child pornography and trafficking of children for sexual purposes (United Kingdom); and
- Ms Daniela Misail-Nichitin, Executive Director, International Women Rights Protection and Promotion Center “La Strada” (Republic of Moldova) ;

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

***Plenary committee:***

- 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, Parliamentary Conference on the MEDICRIME Convention, (OECD Conference Centre);

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

- 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*).

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**The Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter**, meeting in Chisinau (Republic of Moldova) on 18 May 2015, with Mr Tuur Elzinga (Netherlands, UEL), Sub-Committee Chairperson, in the Chair:

- ***Parliamentary seminar on “Fostering social rights in the Eastern Partnership area: focus on the European Social Charter”:***

- heard presentations by:

- Ms Liliana Palihovici, Deputy Speaker of the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova, Head of the parliamentary delegation to PACE;
- Mr Sergiu Sainciuc, Deputy Minister for Labour, Social Protection and Family of the Republic of Moldova;
- Ms Csilla Kollonay Lehoczky, Professor of Law at the Central European University in Budapest (Hungary) and former member of the ECSR (European Committee of Social Rights);
- Mr Tim Tregenza, Head of International Relations and Network Manager at EU-OSHA (European Agency for Safety and Health at Work);
- Mr Andrej Hunko (Germany, UEL), PACE rapporteur on collective bargaining;
- Ms Jarna Petman, Professor in International Law at the University of Helsinki (Finland) and former member of the ECSR; and
- Mr Valeriu Ghilechi (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD), Chairperson of the PACE Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable development;

- held exchanges of views with the representatives of national parliamentary committees dealing with social rights issues on the following themes:

- Focus on labour protection, notably in terms of occupational safety;
- The challenge of social dialogue in a globalised economy;
- The Charter’s Collective Complaints Protocol ETS 158 – an opportunity to involve civil society in strengthening social rights;

- Legal and political reasons for the non-acceptance of specific provisions of the Charter and prospects for parliamentary action to overcome obstacles to the full implementation of social rights;
- ***Date and place of the next meeting:*** during the June 2015 part-session (*to be confirmed*).

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cc: Secretary General of the Assembly  
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