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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 22 to 25 June 2015

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

- **Monday, 22 June 2015 at 2 pm** with Mr Valeriu Ghiletschi (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:
 - **Debate on “Living together in multicultural societies: respect, dialogue, interaction”**: held a debate in the framework of the 60th anniversary of the Europe Prize, moderated by Ms Rene Wyndham (Journalist, United Kingdom) with the participation of Mr Dirk Hilbert, acting Mayor of Dresden (Germany), Mr Fredrik Nelander, Mayor of Vara (Sweden) and Mr Nils Muižnieks, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe;
- **Tuesday, 23 June 2015 at 2 pm**, under the joint chairmanship of Mr Valeriu Ghiletschi (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD), Chairperson of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development and of Ms Milena Santerini (Italy, SOC), Coordinator of the “No Hate Parliamentary Alliance” and General Rapporteur on combating racism and intolerance of the Parliamentary Assembly:
 - **Joint meeting with the “No Hate Parliamentary Alliance” of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination on “Preventing Islamophobia while combating radicalisation of young people”**: held a hearing in the presence of Ms Anne Brasseur, President of the Parliamentary Assembly, and of Ms Gabriella Battaini-Dragnoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, with the participation of Professor Tahir Abbas, Department of Sociology, Fatih University, Istanbul, Turkey, Mr Bernard De Vos, Ombudsman for Children’s Rights of the Federation Wallonia-Brussels, Belgium and Dr Francesco Ragazzi, Lecturer of International Relations, Institute of Political Science, Leiden University, the Netherlands;
- **Wednesday, 24 June 2015 at 2 pm**, with Mr Valeriu Ghiletschi (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:
 - **Protecting patients and public health against undue influence of the pharmaceutical industry** (*Rapporteur: Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier, Switzerland, SOC*): held a hearing with the participation of Mr Peter Beyer, Senior Advisor, Essential Medicines and Health Products, World Health Organization (WHO), Mr François Bouvy, Director, Market Access, European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations (EFPIA) and Mr Patrick Durisch, Health Programme Coordinator, Berne Declaration (member of Health Action International Network (HAI));
- **Thursday, 25 June 2015 at 8.30 am**, with first Mr Valeriu Ghiletschi (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD) Chairperson and then Mr Igor Kolman (Croatia, ALDE), third Vice-Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:
 - **24th meeting of the PACE Network of Contact Parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against children**: held a joint meeting with the network on the future of the latter (*in camera*), decided to continue the activities of the network in 2016 subject to availability of funds, heard a presentation on the state of progress of the ONE in FIVE Campaign of the Council of Europe by

Ms Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, and held an exchange of views on the theme "Treatment of child sex offenders" with the participation of Ms Eleni Karayianni, PsyD, Licensed Clinical Psychologist, Department of Psychology, University of Cyprus (Cyprus);

- **Thursday, 25 June 2015 at 2 pm**, 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*): took position on the 2 amendments tabled to the draft resolution;
 - ***Follow-up to the Resolution 1945 (2013) on "Putting an end to coerced sterilisations and castrations"***: held an exchange of views with Ms Veronica Pimenoff, former member of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT) and former Head of Department of Helsinki University Psychiatric Hospital, Finland and agreed that the former Rapporteur, Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC) address a written question to the Committee of Ministers concerning the implementation of the resolution as well as the relevant recommendations of the CPT;
 - ***Effectively combating the adverse consequences of dirty money*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Luc Recordon, Switzerland, SOC*): considered an outline report;
 - ***Inhabitants of frontier regions of Azerbaijan are deliberately deprived of water*** (*Rapporteur: Ms Milica Marković, Bosnia and Herzegovina, SOC*): heard a statement by the rapporteur and authorised her to carry out a second fact-finding visit to Azerbaijan;
 - ***World Forum for Democracy "Freedom vs control: For a democratic response", Strasbourg, 18-20 November 2015***: appointed the following members to the *ad hoc* committee of the Bureau which will participate in the Forum:
 - . Mr André Bugnon (Switzerland, ALDE);
 - . Mr Valeriu Ghiletschi (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD);
 - . Ms Milica Marković (Bosnia and Herzegovina, SOC);
 - ***Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize***: heard a report by the Chairperson of the Plenary Committee on the opening of the exhibition on the 60th anniversary of the Europe Prize in Berlin on 15 June 2015;
 - ***Committee's work programme***:
 - *appointed rapporteurs as follows*:
 - .The over-sexualisation of children (*for report*): M. Valeriu Ghiletschi (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD)
 - .The fate of critically ill prisoners in Turkish prisons (*for opinion*): M. Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC)
- and heard declarations on the absence of a conflict of interests from them;
- ***Reports from committee representatives to external events***: heard statements as follows:
 - .Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC) on the International Conference on "Emerging Technologies and Human Rights", Strasbourg, 4-5 May 2015;
 - .Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva (Azerbaijan, EC) on the 12th 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 on the High Level Cross-Regional Meeting on the Protection of Children from Sexual Violence, Strasbourg (France), 18-19 June 2015;
 - ***Parliamentary Conference on the MEDICRIME Convention on 24 November 2015 in Paris***: heard a statement by the Chairperson;

- **Co-operation with the intergovernmental sector of the Council of Europe:** heard a statement by Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva, General Rapporteur on Children and approved a comment on the revised Council of Europe draft Strategy for the Rights of the Child as elaborated by the Committee of Experts on the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child (DECS - ENF);
- **Reply of the Committee of Ministers:** considered the reply of the Committee of Ministers to the Recommendation of the Assembly on “Social exclusion – a danger for Europe’s democracies” and heard a statement by the Chairperson (in the absence of the rapporteur who is no longer a member of the Assembly);
- **Other business:**
 - was informed by the Chairperson that a report on “Genital mutilations on European women” was being prepared by the Committee on Equality and non-discrimination (Rapporteur: Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo, Monaco, EPP/CD), and decided to request to the PACE Bureau that the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development be seized for opinion due to its own recent work in this field;
 - authorised Ms Petra De Sutter (Belgium, SOC), rapporteur on “Human rights and ethical issues related to surrogacy”, to carry out fact-finding visits to the United Kingdom and to Ukraine (*dates to be defined*);
- **Date and place of next meetings:**

Plenary committee:

- 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:

- Fourth part-session 2015 of the Assembly, 28 September-2 October 2015, Strasbourg (*date to be confirmed*).

The Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize, meeting in Strasbourg on 22 June 2015 with Mr Axel Fischer (Germany, UEL), Sub-Committee Chairperson, in the Chair as regards:

- **Opening of the exhibition dedicated to the 60th anniversary of the Europe Prize:** heard a statement by Ms Anne Brasseur, President of the Parliamentary Assembly;
- **Official ceremony for the 60th anniversary of the Europe Prize (Assembly Chamber)** : participated in the ceremony of the symbolic award of the Europe Prize to the winning towns of Dresden (Germany) and Vara (Sweden) and heard speeches from Ms Anne Brasseur, President of the Parliamentary Assembly, Mr Jean-Claude Frécon, President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities and Councillor Michael Hammon, Lord Mayor of Coventry (speech transmitted by video);
- **Award ceremony for the European diplomas:** participated in awarding European diplomas to a dozen cities from different countries;
- **Date and place of the next meeting:** *to be confirmed*

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