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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 28 September to 1 October 2015

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

- on **Monday, 28 September 2015 at 2 pm** with Mr Valeriu Ghiletschi (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:
 - **Handling international public health emergencies** (*Rapporteur: Ms Sílvia Eloísa Bonet Perot, Andorra, SOC*): held an exchange of views (by video-link) with Dr David Nabarro, UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy on Ebola, the United Nations, New York (United States);
 - **Public health and the interests of the pharmaceutical industry: how to guarantee the primacy of public health interests?** (*Rapporteur: Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier, Switzerland, SOC*): held an exchange of views (by audio-link) with Mr Anand Grover (India), former UN Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health;
- on **Tuesday, 29 September 2015 at 8:30 am** with Mr Valeriu Ghiletschi (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:
 - **Public health and the interests of the pharmaceutical industry: how to guarantee the primacy of public health interests?** (*Rapporteur: Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier, Switzerland, SOC*): took position on the amendment tabled to the draft resolution;
 - **Equality and shared parental responsibility: the role of fathers** (*Rapporteur: Mr Stefan Schennach, Austria, SOC*): considered and unanimously approved a draft opinion, including two amendments to be tabled on behalf of the Committee;
 - **Improving children's access to child-friendly health and social services** (*Rapporteur: Ms Stella Kyriakides, Cyprus, EPP/CD*): considered an introductory memorandum and agreed to change the title of the report to read "Ensuring access to healthcare for all children in Europe" with a view to sharpening the focus of the report;
 - **Committee's work programme:**
 - appointed Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva (Azerbaijan, EC) as rapporteur on "Preventing the radicalisation of children by fighting the root causes" (*for report*) and heard from her a declaration on the absence of a conflict of interests;
 - heard a declaration on the absence of a conflict of interests from Mr Jeffrey Donaldson, General Rapporteur on Local Regional Authorities of the Parliamentary Assembly, and from Mr Tuur Elzinga (Netherlands, UEL), rapporteur for opinion on "Human rights compatibility of investor-State arbitration in international investment protection agreements", who had both been appointed in their absence;
 - Considered, amended and adopted a draft motion for a resolution on "Increased income inequalities are a threat to social cohesion" with a view to tabling it;

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

.1st European meeting on “Sports for health upon prescription”, Strasbourg, 14-15 October 2015: Ms Gabriela Pecková (Czech Republic, EPP/CD);

.29th Session of the Congress, Strasbourg, 20-22 October 2015: Mr Jeffrey Donaldson (United Kingdom, EC);

- heard a report by Mr Tuur Elzinga (Netherlands, UEL) who had taken part in an exchange of views between a PACE delegation and the European Parliament Committee on Constitutional Affairs (AFCE), on the EU accession to the European Social Charter, Brussels (Belgium), 23 September 2015;

- **on Wednesday, 30 September 2015 at 2 pm** with Mr Valeriu Ghiletschi (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

– ***Manufacturing a new human species?***: held a hearing with the participation of:

- Mr Jean-Yves Le Déaut, General Rapporteur on science and technology assessment of the Parliamentary Assembly;
- Mr Robin Lovell-Badge, Group Leader at the Francis Crick Institute (formerly MRC National Institute for Medical Research), United Kingdom;
- Mr George M. Church, Professor of Genetics at Harvard Medical School and Director of *personalgenomes.org*, USA (by videolink);
- Mr Luigi Naldini, Director of Division of Regenerative Medicine, Stem Cells and Gene Therapy, San Raffaele Scientific Institute, Italy;
- Mr Mark Bale, Chairperson of the Council of Europe Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO);
- Mr Denis Durand de Bousingen, moderator and journalist specialised in health and medicine at *Le Quotidien du Médecin*, France;

- **on Thursday, 1st October 2015 at 8:30 am** with first Mr Valeriu Ghiletschi (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD), Chairperson, then (in the absence of Vice-Chairpersons) Lord John Prescott (United Kingdom, SOC), as Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Environment and Energy, in the Chair, as regards:

– ***Human rights and ethical issues related to surrogacy*** (*Rapporteur: Ms Petra De Sutter, Belgium, SOC*): considered a preliminary draft 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 held an exchange of views;

– ***Committee’s work programme***:

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

. 8th plenary meeting of the Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO), 1-4 December 2015, Strasbourg: Ms Guguli Magradze (Georgia, SOC);

- took note of the **Committee of Ministers’ reply** to the Assembly’s Recommendation on “Social services in Europe: legislation and practice of the removal of children from their families in Council of Europe member States” and agreed that its Chairperson would present the Committee’s position at the forthcoming meeting of the DECS-INF devoted to preparing the next Council of Europe Strategy on the Rights of the Child;

– ***World Forum for Democracy “Freedom vs control: For a democratic response”, Strasbourg, 18-20 November 2015***: took note of the draft programme of the Forum;

– ***Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize***: heard a report by Mr Axel Fischer, Chairperson of the Sub-Committee, on its meeting in Dresden on 24 September 2015 and was given information on the meeting to be held in Vara (Sweden) on 29-30 November 2015;

– ***Sub-Committee on Environment and Energy***: heard a report by Lord John Prescott, Chairperson of the Sub-Committee, on its meeting in Strasbourg on 29 September 2015, and adopted a declaration on climate change;

– ***Parliamentary Conference on the MEDICRIME Convention on 24 November 2015 in Paris***: heard a statement by the Chairperson;

- **Date and place of next meetings:** agreed to hold its future meetings as follows:

Plenary committee:

- Monday, 23 November 2015, Paris (Council of Europe Office);
- Tuesday, 24 November 2015, Parliamentary Conference on the MEDICRIME Convention, Paris (OECD Conference Centre);
- First part-session 2016 of the Assembly, 25-29 January 2016, Strasbourg;
- Tuesday, 15 March 2016, Paris (Council of Europe Office) *(to be confirmed)*;
- Second part-session 2016 of the Assembly, 18-22 April 2016, Strasbourg;
- Thursday, 2 June 2016, Paris (Council of Europe Office) *(to be confirmed)*;
- Third part-session 2016 of the Assembly, 20-24 June 2016, Strasbourg;
- Friday, 16 September 2016, Paris (Council of Europe Office) *(to be confirmed)*;
- Fourth part-session 2016 of the Assembly, 10-14 October 2016, Strasbourg;
- Tuesday, 6 December 2016, Paris (Council of Europe Office) *(to be confirmed)*.

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

- Second part-session 2016 of the Assembly, 18-22 April 2016, Strasbourg, date to be confirmed, *(subject to the availability of funds)*;

Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize:

- Vara (Sweden), 29-30 November 2015;
- **on Thursday, 1st October 2015 at 2 pm** with Mr Valeriu Ghiletschi (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:
- **25th meeting of the PACE Network of contact parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against children:**
 - heard an update on the Council of Europe ONE in FIVE Campaign by Ms Gabriella Battaini-Dragnoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe;
 - held an exchange of views on the theme “Protecting children against sexual violence online” with the participation of:
 - Ms Jutta Croll, Executive Director, Online Child Protection Centre (I-KIZ), Germany;
 - Mr Kristof Claesen, Policy and Public Affairs Manager, Internet Watch Foundation (IWF), United Kingdom.

The Sub-Committee on Environment and Energy, meeting in Strasbourg on 29 September 2015 with Lord John Prescott (United Kingdom, SOC), Sub-Committee Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Global negotiations on tackling climate change:** heard a statement by the Chairperson on the latest developments, considered its contribution to the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP21/CMP11) from 30 November to 11 December 2015, including a parliamentary meeting on 5-6 December 2015 in Paris, and approved a draft parliamentary statement;
- **The new Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):** was informed about the endorsement by the United Nations of the new SDGs;
- **Work programme of the Sub-Committee in 2015:** took note of the draft programme and was informed about the Roundtable on “Climate change: towards an ambitious agreement in Paris Summit”, held by the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe on 29 September 2015 in Strasbourg;
- **Date and place of next meetings:** First part-session 2016 of the Assembly, 25-29 January 2016, Strasbourg.

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