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

Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 18-21 April 2016

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

- **Monday, 18 April 2016, at 1.45 pm**, with Ms Stella Kyriakides (Cyprus, EPP/CD) in the chair, as regards:
 - **Preventing the radicalisation of children by fighting the root causes** (*Rapporteur: Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva, Azerbaijan, EC*): considered and unanimously approved an addendum to the report and 3 amendments to be tabled on behalf of the Committee;
- **Monday, 18 April 2016, at 2 pm, in a joint meeting with the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons**: held a hearing on “Missing unaccompanied migrant children” with the participation of:
 - . Mr Jean-Claude Legrand, Regional Adviser for Child Protection, UNICEF, Geneva (Switzerland);
 - . Ms Federica Toscano, Project Officer, Focal Point on Missing Unaccompanied Children, Missing Children Europe NGO, Brussels (Belgium);
 - . Mr Gert Westerveen, Representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to the Strasbourg-based European Institutions, Strasbourg (France);
- **Tuesday, 19 April 2016, at 2 pm** with Ms Stella Kyriakides (Cyprus, EPP/CD), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:
 - **Election of the 2nd Vice-Chairperson**: elected by acclamation Ms Vasiliki Katrivanou, Greece, UEL;
 - **The over-sexualisation of children** (*Rapporteur: Mr Valeriu Ghiletschi, Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD*), considered an information memorandum and held an exchange of views with Ms Nadine Schirtz, Chief Editor and Project Manager, BEE SECURE, National Youth Service (Luxembourg);
 - **Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize**: heard a report by the Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on its meeting in Strasbourg on 19 April 2016 and endorsed its proposals for the 2016 Europe Prize, Plaques of Honour, Flags of Honour and European Diplomas;
 - **Preventing the radicalisation of children by fighting the root causes** (*Rapporteur: Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva, Azerbaijan, EC*): took position on 17 amendments (of 28) and 3 (of 4) sub-amendments tabled;
- **Wednesday, 20 April 2016 at 2 pm** with Ms Stella Kyriakides (Cyprus, EPP/CD), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:
 - **The employment rights of female workers from Eastern Europe** (*Rapporteur: Mr Viorel Badea, Romania, EPP/CD*): considered an introductory memorandum and authorised a fact-finding visit by Mr Badea to Switzerland in the framework of the preparation his report;
 - **Human rights and ethical issues related to surrogacy** (*Rapporteur: Ms Petra De Sutter, Belgium, SOC*): heard statements by the Chairperson and the Rapporteur, and held an exchange of views;

- **Thursday, 21 April 2016, at 8.30 am** with Ms Stella Kyriakides (Cyprus, EPP/CD), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **26th meeting of the PACE Network of Contact Parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against children:** heard an exchange of views on “Presentation of the Cyprus pilot project: an example of good practice” with the participation of:

- . Mr Anastasios Paul Leventis, Chairman of the Board of the A.G. Leventis Foundation;
- . Ms Anastasia Papadopoulou, expert appointed by the Council of Ministers of Cyprus to compile a National Strategy and member of the project Steering Group;
- . Ms Leda Koursoumba, Cyprus Commissioner for Children's Rights and member of the project Steering Group;

and held an exchange of views with Ms Gabriella Battaini-Dragnoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, on the recent activities of the Council of Europe to stop sexual violence against children;

- **Thursday, 21 April 2016, at 2 pm** with Ms Stella Kyriakides (Cyprus, EPP/CD), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Human rights and ethical issues related to surrogacy** (*Rapporteur: Ms Petra De Sutter, Belgium, SOC*): heard a statement by Mr Wojciech Sawicki, Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly, on a point of a procedure, and held an exchange of views;

- **Increased income inequalities are a threat to social cohesion** (*Rapporteur: Mr Tuur Elzinga, Netherlands, UEL*): considered an introductory memorandum;

- **Committee's work programme:**

- *appointed rapporteurs as follows:*

- The exploration and exploitation of non-conventional hydrocarbons in Europe (*for report*): Mr Geraint Davies (United Kingdom, SOC), in his absence;
- Parental authority conflicts (*for report*): Ms Martine Mergen (Luxembourg, EPP/CD);
- and heard a declaration of absence of conflict of interest from Ms Mergen noting that Mr Davies would provide such a declaration at a next meeting;

- *Considered and approved motions for resolutions for tabling on behalf of the Committee:*

- Universal access to maternal healthcare;
- Protecting children and young people affected by armed conflicts;

- *appointed Committee representatives to external events as follows:*

- Ms Petra De Sutter (Belgium, SOC), Workshop on human genome editing in the EU, 28 April 2016, French Academy of Medicine, Paris, France;
- Ms Guguli Magradze (Georgia, SOC), 9th plenary meeting of the Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO), 31 May - 2 June 2016, Strasbourg, France;
- Mr Ögmundur Jónasson (Iceland, UEL), 2016 Annual session of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO: *What future for the WTO?* 13-14 June 2016, Geneva, Switzerland;

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

.Mr Tuur Elzinga (Netherlands, UEL) who took part in the Conference on “The long-term trends in the world of work and effects on inequalities and middle income categories” organised by the International Labour Office, 29 February - 1 March 2016, Brussels (Belgium);

.Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva (Azerbaijan, EC) who took part in the 14th 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), 15-17 March 2016, Strasbourg;

.Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva (Azerbaijan, EC), General Rapporteur on Children of the Assembly, who took part in the High-level Inaugural Conference for the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2016-2021), 5-6 April 2016, Sofia (Bulgaria);

- **Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter:** heard a report by the Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on its meeting in Turin on 17-18 March 2016;
- **Changes in the Sub-Committees:** approved the following changes:
 - **Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter**

Mr Stefan SCHENNACH (Austria, SOC) became a full member

Mr Valeriu GHILETCHI (Moldova, EPP/CD) became a full member
 - **Sub-Committee on Public Health**

Ms Liliana PALIHOVICI (Moldova, EPP/CD) became a full member

Baroness Doreen MASSEY (United Kingdom, SOC) became the alternate to Mr Geraint DAVIES (United Kingdom, SOC);
 - **Sub-Committee on Environment and Energy**

Mr Stefan SCHENNACH (Austria, SOC) became a full member

Mr Gerardo GIOVAGNOLI (San Marino, SOC) became a full member

Lord George FOULKES (United Kingdom, SOC), became the alternate to Mr Geraint DAVIES (United Kingdom, SOC) and is no longer a member of the Sub-Committee on Public Health;
 - **Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize**

Mr Andreas SCHIEDER (Austria, SOC), became a full member;
- **Other business:** Václav Havel Human Rights Prize: took note of the fast-approaching deadline for submitting nominations;
- **Date and place of next meetings:**

Plenary committee:

- Thursday, 2 June 2016, Paris (Council of Europe Office);
- Third part-session 2016 of the Assembly, 20-24 June 2016, Strasbourg;
- Wednesday, 21 September 2016, Paris (Council of Europe Office);
- Fourth part-session 2016 of the Assembly, 10-14 October 2016, Strasbourg;
- Tuesday, 6 December 2016, Paris (Council of Europe Office).

The Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize, meeting in Strasbourg on 19 April 2016, with Mr Jean-Claude Frécon (France, SOC), in the Chair:

- **Europe Prize 2016:** proposed to award the prize to Girona (Spain);
- **Plaques of Honour, Flags of Honour and European Diplomas for 2016:** proposed to award these distinctions to 28 towns as shown in the appendix;
- **Modernisation of the Europe Prize:** considered a memorandum;
- **Date and place of the next meeting:** decided to hold its next meetings as follows:
 - 23 June 2016, Strasbourg, Presentation ceremony of European Diplomas;
 - 8 July 2016, Girona (Spain), Europe Prize 2016, Presentation ceremony of the 2016 Europe Prize.

cc: Secretary General of the Assembly
Director General, Director 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

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Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize

**WINNERS OF THE EUROPE PRIZE,
THE PLAQUE OF HONOUR, THE FLAG OF HONOUR
AND THE EUROPEAN DIPLOMA
FOR 2016**

1. EUROPE PRIZE

The **Europe Prize 2016**, the highest distinction, goes to the city of **GIRONA** (Catalonia) in Spain.

2. PLAQUES OF HONOUR

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

Germany	Besigheim (Baden-Württemberg) Coburg (Bavaria) Erlangen (Bavaria) Gotha (Thuringen) Murrhardt (Baden-Württemberg)
Italy	Ravenna (Province of Ravenna)
Turkey	Safranbolu (Karabük Province)
United Kingdom	Wigan (Greater Manchester County)

3. FLAGS OF HONOUR

The **Flag of Honour** was awarded to 8 municipalities:

France	Lourdes (Hautes-Pyrénées)
Germany	Herbolzheim (Baden-Württemberg)
Lithuania	Birštonas (Kaunas County)
Poland	Kielce (Voivodship of Świętokrzyskie)
Turkey	Gaziantep (Province of Gaziantep)
Ukraine	Chornomorsk (Illitchivsk) (Odessa region) Sumy (Sumy region)
United Kingdom	Burnley (Lancashire)

4. EUROPEAN DIPLOMAS

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

France	Colombelles (Calvados) Saint-Germain-en-Laye (Yvelines) Vitry-sur-Seine (Val de Marne)
Germany	Baiersdorf (Bavaria) Rodgau (Hessen) Wolfsburg (Lower-Saxony) Wolnzach (Bavaria)
Italy	Carpignano Sesia (Province of Novara) Formigine (Province of Modena) Riolo Terme (Province of Ravenna)
Sweden	Jönköping (Province of Småland)
Turkey	Nilüfer (Province of Bursa)