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

### Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris on 2 June 2016

The Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, meeting in Paris on 2 June 2016, with first Ms Sílvia Eloïsa Bonet (Andorra, SOC), First Vice-Chairperson, and then Mr Serhii Kiral (Ukraine, EC), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Environment and Energy, in the Chair, as regards:

- **The over-sexualisation of children** (*Rapporteur: Mr Ghiletschi, Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD*): considered a draft report, decided to change the title to “Fighting the over-sexualisation of children”, and unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation as amended, with a view to the report being debated during the June 2016 part-session of the Assembly;
- **Increased income inequalities are a threat to social cohesion** (*Rapporteur: Mr Tuur Elzinga, Netherlands, UEL*): held an exchange of views with:
  - Ms Deborah Haroon, Deputy Head of Research Oxfam GB, Oxford (United Kingdom), and
  - Ms Céline Thévenot, Policy Analyst in social affairs (Income distribution and Poverty Section), Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD);
- **Road safety in Europe as a public health priority** (*Rapporteur: Ms Naira Karapetyan, Armenia, EPP/CD*): considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution as amended, with a view to the report being debated during the June 2016 part-session of the Assembly;
- **A European social commitment guaranteeing the rights of the elderly and their comprehensive care** (*Rapporteur: Lord George Foulkes, United Kingdom, SOC*): held an exchange of views with:
  - Ms Katherine Hill, Policy Manager, Equality and Human Rights (Age UK), and
  - Mr Leocadio Rodriguez, Coordinator of the European Joint Action on the prevention of frailty in the elderly and Head of Department of Geriatric Medicine of Madrid's Getafe University Hospital, and authorised the Rapporteur to undertake fact-finding visits to two European countries of his choice;
- **Committee's work programme**
- *appointed rapporteurs as follows:*
  - General Rapporteur on Children of the Parliamentary Assembly: Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva, Azerbaijan, EC (*in absentia*);
  - General Rapporteur on Local and Regional Authorities of the Parliamentary Assembly; Mr Luís Leite Ramos, Portugal, EPP/CD;
  - Detention of Palestinian minors in Israeli prisons (*for report*): Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier, Switzerland, SOC (*in absentia*);
  - Closing the protection gap of unaccompanied children in Europe (*for opinion*): Mr Valeriu Ghiletschi, Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD;
  - and heard from those present a declaration of absence of conflict of interest noting that those who were not present would provide such a declaration at a next meeting;

- *decided to merge* “The concern about fiscal, social justice and public trust in our democratic system” with “Effectively combating the adverse consequences of dirty money”, confirmed Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) as Rapporteur for the merged report, and heard from him a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
- *decided to inform the Bureau* that it would like to prepare a report on the motion on “Striking a balance between the best interest of the child and the need to keep the families together” which had been transmitted to it for consultation on possible follow-up to be given;
- *decided to inform the Bureau* that it would like to prepare a report on the motion on “A potential threat to European countries imposed by the nuclear power plant in Belarus” which had been transmitted to it for consultation on possible follow-up to be given;
- *took note of the following motions which had been sent to it for information:*
  - ✓ Means of enhancing the legal effectiveness of the ILO's core conventions
  - ✓ The plight of children who do not have any civil status
- *took note* of the transmission of the petition No Maternity Traffic to be taken into account in the context of the preparation of the report on *Human rights and ethical issues related to surrogacy*;
- *appointed Committee representatives to external events as follows (subject to the availability of funds):*
  - 15<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, 14-17 June 2016: Ms Milica Marković, Bosnia and Herzegovina, SOC;
  - 1st meeting of the European Platform on Social Cohesion (PECS), Strasbourg, 27-28 June 2016: Ms Emine Nur Günay, Turkey, EC;
- *reports from committee representatives to external events: heard statements 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), 9<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting of the Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO), 31 May - 2 June 2016, Strasbourg, France;
- **Changes in the Sub-Committees:** approved the following change:
  - **Sub-Committee on Environment and Energy:** Mr David Davies (United Kingdom, EC) has left the Committee and thus the Sub-Committee on Environment and Energy
- **Other business:**
- *World Forum for Democracy, Strasbourg, 7-9 November 2016:* The following members were appointed to the *ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau: Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE), Ms Milica Marković (Bosnia and Herzegovina, SOC), Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC);
- *agreed to submit to the Bureau a request for an extension of the reference for the two following reports until 30 June 2017:*
  - ✓ Drafting social indicators and issuing an annual report on social rights / The “Turin process” for the European Social Charter (*Rapporteur: Ms Sílvia Eloïsa Bonet, Andorra, SOC*)
  - ✓ The exploration and exploitation of non-conventional hydrocarbons in Europe (*Rapporteur: Mr Geraint Davies, United Kingdom, SOC*)
- **Date and place of next meetings:**
- Plenary committee:**
  - 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;
  - Wednesday, 30 November and Thursday 1 December 2016, Unicef Innocenti Research Centre, Florence, Italy (*to be confirmed and subject to Bureau authorisation*)

**Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize:**

- Third part-session 2016 of the Assembly, 20 and 23 June 2016, Strasbourg;
- Friday 8 July and Saturday 9 July 2016, Girona (Spain), Presentation ceremony of the 2016 Europe Prize;

**Network of Contact Parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against children:**

- Thursday 1 December 2016, Unicef Innocenti Research Centre, Florence, Italy (*to be confirmed, subject to Bureau authorisation*).

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