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

Synopsis of the meeting held in Baku on 1 June 2017

The Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, meeting in Baku (Azerbaijan), on 1 June 2017, with Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva (Azerbaijan, EC), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter, and Baroness Doreen Massey (United Kingdom, SOC), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Children (for the item “Protecting children affected by armed conflicts”), in the Chair, as regards:

- **Exchange of views with the authorities of Azerbaijan:** heard a welcome address by Mr Ziyafet Asgarov, 1st Vice-Speaker of the *Milli Mejlis* (Parliament of Azerbaijan), and held an exchange of views with the participation of Mr Samad Seyidov (Azerbaijan, EC), Chairperson of Azerbaijani Delegation to PACE and Chairperson of the Foreign and Interparliamentary Relations Committee of *Milli Mejlis*, Mr Mikayil Jabbarov, Minister of Education, Ms Hicran Huseynova, Chairperson of the State Committee on Family, Women and Children Affairs, and Mr Elsever Agayev, Deputy Minister of Health;
- **Sub-Committee on Children:** heard a report by Baroness Doreen Massey (United Kingdom, SOC), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee, on the meeting and the parliamentary seminar on “Protecting and empowering children in the digital environment” held in Baku on 31 May 2017, and approved a declaration on the occasion of International Children’s Day for publication and dissemination;
- **The “Turin process”: reinforcing social rights in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Ms Silvía Eloísa Bonet, Andorra, SOC*): in the absence of the Rapporteur, considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation with a view to presenting the report for debate in the Assembly during the third part-session 2017;
- **Migration as an opportunity for European development** (*Rapporteur for opinion: Ms Petra De Sutter, Belgium, SOC*): in the absence of the Rapporteur, considered and unanimously approved an opinion, including four amendments to the draft resolution tabled by the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons;
- **Climate change and implementation of the Paris Agreement** (*Rapporteur: Lord John Prescott, United Kingdom, SOC*): considered an introductory memorandum and authorised the rapporteur to carry out a fact-finding visit to the European Environment Agency (Copenhagen, Denmark);
- **Committee’s work programme and priorities:**
- agreed to submit to the Bureau a request to be seized for opinion on the report on “The activities of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in 2016-2017” and for report on the Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB);

- agreed to submit to the Bureau a request for an extension of the reference for the report on "The need for a citizenship income (*Rapporteur: Ms Nunzia Catalfo, Italy, NR*) until 31 December 2017;
- re-appointed Mr Luís Leite Ramos (Portugal, EPP/CD) General Rapporteur on Local and Regional Authorities of the Parliamentary Assembly for a second year, and heard from him a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
- due to the absence of a quorum, postponed the consideration of three motions for a resolution/recommendation to an upcoming meeting;
- heard reports from Committee representatives to external events as follows:
 - Conference on "Successful territorial reform, Causes and methods of subnational reform in Council of Europe member States", 5 May 2017, Eupen, Belgium: Mr Luís Leite Ramos (Portugal, EPP/CD);
 - 18th meeting of the Committee of the Parties to the Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (CETS No. 201; "Lanzarote Committee") 10-12 May 2017, Strasbourg, France: Baroness Doreen Massey (United Kingdom, SOC);
- **Changes in the Sub-Committees:** approved the following changes:
 - Sub-Committee on Public Health and Sustainable Development:**

Ms Maryvonne Blondin (France, SOC) became a full member
 - Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize:**

Mr Luís Leite Ramos (Portugal, EPP/CD) became a full member
- **Other business:**
 - **World Forum for Democracy, Strasbourg, 8-10 November 2017:** was informed about the upcoming Forum and appointed Mr Ertuğrul Kürkçü (Turkey, UEL) to the *ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau;
 - **Inquiry into growing antimicrobial resistance in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Mr Serhii Kiral, Ukraine, EC*): heard a statement by the Rapporteur on his ongoing fact-finding visit in Baku in the framework of the preparation of his report;
- **Protecting children affected by armed conflicts** (*Rapporteur: Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva, Azerbaijan, EC*): considered a revised introductory memorandum and held a hearing with the participation of:
 - Ms Christine McCormick, Child Protection Adviser, Save the Children, London, United Kingdom;
 - Ms Galina Heinzelmann, Psychologist/Psychotherapist, Berlin, Germany;
 - Ms Ceyran Rahmatullayeva, Head of Secretariat, State Committee for Family, Women and Child Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan;
 - Ms Esmira Orucova, Senior research fellow of the department of Public safety and legal security of the Institute of Law and Human Rights of AAOS (Azerbaijan Academy of Sciences) and founder and chairperson of the NGO "Way of Grief";
- **Parental authority conflicts** (*Rapporteur: Ms Martine Mergen, Luxembourg, EPP/CD*): considered a preliminary draft report, decided to change the title to "Cross-border parental responsibility conflicts", and agreed to submit to the Bureau a request for an extension of the reference for the report until 31 October 2017;
- **Date and place of next meetings:**

Plenary committee:

 - Third part-session 2017 of the Assembly, 26-30 June 2017, Strasbourg;
 - Tuesday, 19 September 2017, Paris (Council of Europe Office);
 - Fourth part-session 2017 of the Assembly, 9-13 October 2017, Strasbourg;
 - Wednesday, 6 December 2017, Paris (Council of Europe Office);

Sub-Committee on Children:

- Third part-session 2017 of the Assembly, 26-30 June 2017, Strasbourg (*date to be confirmed*);

Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter:

- Third or fourth part-session 2017 of the Assembly, Strasbourg (*date to be confirmed*);
- Friday, 27 October 2017, Paris, Parliamentary Seminar on the implementation of the European Social Charter;

Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize:

- Third part-session 2017 of the Assembly, 29 June 2017, Strasbourg;
- Tuesday, 15 August 2017, Lublin, Poland;

Sub-Committee on Public Health and Sustainable Development

- Third part-session 2017 of the Assembly, 26-30 June 2017, Strasbourg (*date to be confirmed*).

The Sub-Committee on Children meeting in Baku on 31 May 2017, with Baroness Doreen Massey (United Kingdom, SOC), Chairperson, in the Chair:

- opened the parliamentary seminar on “Protecting and empowering children in the digital environment” and heard statements by:
 - Ms Bahar Avaz Muradova, Deputy Chairperson of the *Milli Mejlis*
 - Ms Agiya Nakhchivanli, Chairperson of the Committee on Family, Woman and Child Issues of the *Milli Mejlis*
 - Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva, member of the *Milli Mejlis* and the Parliamentary Assembly
 - Baroness Doreen Massey, Chairperson of the Sub-Committee
- heard a thematic introduction by Mr John Carr OBE, Senior Expert Advisor on children’s use of the Internet and child safety online (United Kingdom)
- *on the protection of children from cyber-bullying, exposure to violence and harmful content online: challenges, strategies and good practice*, held an exchange of views with:
 - Ms Katarzyna Staciwa, Strategic Analyst, EUROPOL
 - Presentation of national good practices by Mr Serhii Kiral, member of the *Verkhovna Rada* of Ukraine and the Parliamentary Assembly
- held a roundtable with national representatives *on children’s rights in the digital environment in the Azerbaijani context*, with the participation of:
 - Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva, member of the *Milli Mejlis* and the Parliamentary Assembly
 - Mr Ali Abdullayev, First Deputy Minister, Ministry of Transport, Communication and High Technologies
 - Mr Jeyhun Bayramov, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education
 - Ms Aynur Sofiyeva, Deputy Chairperson, State Committee on Family, Women and Children Affairs
- *on ensuring safety online by empowering and educating children and parents*, held an exchange of views with:
 - Ms Elizabeth Milovidov, Consultant on Digital Parenting / Digital Citizenship (France)
 - Mr Daniel Kardefelt-Winther, Research Coordinator for *Global Kids Online*, UNICEF Office of Research Innocenti

- considered and amended a draft declaration with a view to its approval by the Plenary Committee on the occasion of International Children's Day (1st June).

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