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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 19 September 2017

The Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, meeting in Paris on 19 September 2017, with Ms Stella Kyriakides (Cyprus, EPP/CD), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Protecting children affected by armed conflicts** (*Rapporteur: Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva, Azerbaijan, EC*): meeting *in camera*, took note of the letters addressed by Mr Arpine Hovhannisyan, Chairperson of the delegation of Armenia to the Assembly, and Mr Samad Seyidov, Chairperson of the delegation of Azerbaijan to the Assembly, on the issue of a potential conflict of interest of the rapporteur; heard statements by Mr Melkumyan and the Rapporteur; following a discussion, and upon proposal of the Rapporteur to revise the draft preliminary report on the basis of comments made during the discussion, decided to come back to this issue at its next meeting in Strasbourg during the fourth-part session 2017;
- **Cross-border parental responsibility conflicts** (*Rapporteur: Ms Martine Mergen, Luxembourg, EPP/CD*): considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution with a view to presenting the report for debate in the Standing Committee at its meeting in Copenhagen, Denmark, on 24 November 2017;
- **The activities of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in 2016-2017** (*Rapporteur for opinion: Mr Geraint Davies, United Kingdom, SOC*): heard from Mr Geraint Davies a declaration of absence of conflict of interest as regards this opinion for which he had been appointed rapporteur at a previous meeting, considered and unanimously approved an opinion as amended, including nine amendments to the draft resolution tabled by the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy;
- **Climate change and implementation of the Paris Agreement** (*Rapporteur: Lord John Prescott, United Kingdom, SOC*): considered a preliminary draft report;
- **Stress at work** (*Rapporteur: Mr Stefaan Vercamer, Belgium, EPP/CD*): considered an introductory memorandum;
- **Inquiry into growing antimicrobial resistance in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Mr Serhii Kiral, Ukraine, EC*): held a hearing with the participation of:
 - Mr Matt Oliver, Head of the Secretariat, Global TB Caucus
 - Ms Olga Klymenko, a former tuberculosis patient
 - Michele Cecchini, Principal administrator, Health Division, OECD
- **Air quality and diesel emissions in urban centres** (*Rapporteur: Mr Davies, United Kingdom, SOC*): authorised the Rapporteur to carry out a fact-finding visit to the European Environment Agency in Copenhagen (Denmark);

- **A potential threat to European countries imposed by the nuclear power plant in Belarus** (*Rapporteur: Ms Emine Nur Günay, Turkey, EC*): considered an introductory memorandum and decided to change the title to “Nuclear safety and security in Europe”;
 - **The provision of palliative care in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Mr Rónán Mullen, Ireland, EPP/CD*): considered an introductory memorandum and authorised the rapporteur to undertake fact-finding visits to Spain and Romania;
 - **Committee’s work programme and priorities:**
 - appointed Mr Cezar Florin Preda (Romania, EPP/CD) rapporteur on “The activities of the Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB)” and heard from him a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
 - considered the motion on “Endocrine disrupting chemicals in water” which had been referred to it for information, and decided to ask the Bureau that the motion be referred to the Committee for report;
 - appointed Committee representatives to external events as follows (*subject to the availability of funds*):
 - Conference on "Ending sexual exploitation and abuse of children: Towards a world of trust", 24-25 October 2017, Strasbourg; and 19th meeting of the Committee of the Parties to the Convention on the Protection of children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (“Lanzarote Committee”), 25-27 October 2017, Strasbourg: Baroness Doreen Massey (United Kingdom, SOC) in her capacity as Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Children;
 - 3rd meeting of the Ad hoc Committee for the Rights of the Child (CAHENF), 22-24 November 2017, Strasbourg: Baroness Doreen Massey (United Kingdom, SOC) in her capacity as Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Children;
 - **Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize:** heard a report by the Committee Chairperson on the award ceremony of the European Diplomas held in Strasbourg on 29 June 2017 and on future activities;
 - **Sub-Committee on Children:** heard a report by Baroness Doreen Massey (United Kingdom, SOC), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee, on the meeting held in the morning, and took note of its intention to hold a meeting on the occasion of the Children’s Rights Seminar organised by the British Parliament on 6-7 November 2017 in London (United Kingdom);
 - **Changes in Sub-Committee composition:**
- Sub-Committee on Children**
- Mr Jan Škoberne (Slovenia, SOC) became a full member;
- **Date and place of next meetings:**
- Plenary committee:**
- Fourth part-session 2017 of the Assembly, 9-13 October 2017, Strasbourg;
 - Wednesday, 6 December 2017, Paris (Council of Europe Office);
- Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter:**
- Fourth part-session 2017 of the Assembly, 9-13 October 2017, 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:**
- Europe Prize presentation ceremony in Lublin, Poland, 25 September 2017;
- Sub-Committee on Children:**
- Fourth part-session 2017 of the Assembly, 9-13 October 2017, Strasbourg (*date to be confirmed*);

Sub-Committee on Public Health and Sustainable Development:

- Fourth part-session 2017 of the Assembly, 9-13 October 2017, Strasbourg (*date to be confirmed*).

The Sub-Committee on Children meeting in Paris on 19 September 2017, with Baroness Doreen Massey (United Kingdom, SOC), Chairperson, in the Chair:

- **Council of Europe draft “Guidelines to member States to protect, promote and fulfill children’s rights in the digital environment”:** held a discussion on the draft guidelines with a view to preparing written comments during the fourth part-session 2017 of the Assembly;
- **Work programme of the Sub-Committee:** heard a statement by the Chairperson about the Children’s Rights Seminar organised by the British Parliament on 6-7 November 2017, in London (United Kingdom);
- **Date and place of the next meetings:** decided to hold its next meetings as follows:
 - Fourth part-session 2017 of the Assembly, 9-13 October 2017, Strasbourg (*date to be confirmed*);
 - 6-7 November 2017 in London (United Kingdom), on the occasion of the Children’s Rights Seminar organised by the British Parliament (*subject to the Bureau authorisation*).

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