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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 6 December 2017

The Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, meeting in Paris on 6 December 2017, with Mr Ertuğrul Kürkçü (Turkey, UEL), second Vice-Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- ***The need for a citizenship income*** (*Rapporteur: Ms Nunzia Catalfo, Italy, NR*): considered a revised draft report, decided to change the title to “The case for a basic citizenship income” and adopted a draft resolution as amended, with a view to presenting the report for debate in the Assembly during the first part-session 2018;
- ***Protecting children affected by armed conflicts*** (*Rapporteur: Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva, Azerbaijan, EC*): considered a revised draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution, with a view to presenting the report for debate in the Assembly during the first part-session 2018;
- ***The role of national authorities in successful decentralisation processes*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Luís Leite Ramos, Portugal, EPP/CD*): considered an introductory memorandum and held an exchange of views with Dr Bettina Petersohn, Lecturer in Politics, Department of Political and Cultural Studies, University of Swansea (United Kingdom);
- ***Committee’s work programme and priorities:***
- appointed rapporteurs as follows:

For report

- The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals – how parliaments and member States of the Council of Europe can contribute: Ms Jennifer De Temmerman (France, NR);
- The societal impact of the “platform economy”: Mr Luís Leite Ramos (Portugal, EPP/CD);
- Combating trafficking in human tissues and cells: Ms Martine Mergen (Luxembourg, EPP/CD);
- Air quality and diesel emissions in urban centres: Mr Serhii Kiral (Ukraine, EC);

For opinion

- Stop violence and exploitation of migrant children: Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva (Azerbaijan, EC);
- Human rights and business – what follow-up to Committee of Ministers Recommendation CM/Rec(2016)3?: Mr Mikayel Melkumyan (Armenia, EC);
- Forced marriage in Europe: Ms Petra De Sutter (Belgium, SOC);

and heard from them a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;

- appointed, in her absence, Baroness Doreen Massey (United Kingdom, SOC) as the Committee representative to the 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”) to be held on 29-31 January 2018, Strasbourg, France, and authorised the Chairperson to appoint a representative if she is unavailable (*subject to the availability of funds*);
- heard reports from Committee representatives to external events as follows:
 - 12th plenary meeting of the Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO) on 24-25 October 2017 and International Conference on the 20th Anniversary of the Oviedo Convention: Relevance and challenges, Palais de l’Europe, Strasbourg; Ms Petra De Sutter (Belgium, SOC) and Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC);
 - World Forum for Democracy, Strasbourg, 8-10 November 2017: Ms Jennifer De Temmerman (France, NR) and Mr Ertuğrul Kürkçü (Turkey, UEL);
- *Consideration of draft motions for a resolution/recommendation with a view to adoption by the Committee for tabling*: considered a motion for a resolution on “Stepping up co-operation between European initiatives for better child protection against sexual violence”, and due to the lack of a quorum, decided to take the formal decision on tabling the motion at its next meeting;
- *Consideration of Committee priorities for 2018 and beyond*: took note of the proposals contained in document AS/Soc(2017)47, and agreed on the proposed change in the wording of the terms of reference of the Sub-Committee on Public Health and Sustainable Development;
- ***Inquiry into growing antimicrobial resistance in Europe*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Serhii Kiral, Ukraine, EC*): considered a preliminary draft report focused on “Drug-resistant tuberculosis in Europe”, agreed that the former and other drug-resistant infections should be treated in two separate reports, and thus decided to change the title of Mr Kiral’s report to “Drug-resistant tuberculosis in Europe” and to prepare a motion for a resolution on “Fighting growing antimicrobial resistance”;
- ***Nuclear safety and security in Europe*** (*Rapporteur: Ms Emine Nur Günay, Turkey, EC*): held a hearing with the participation of:
 - Mr Michael Kuske, Deputy Head of Unit D1 'EURATOM co-ordination, legal matters and international relations', Directorate D for Nuclear Energy, Safety and ITER, Directorate-General for Energy, European Commission;
 - Mr Roger Spautz, Nuclear Campaign Officer, Greenpeace;
- ***Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter***: heard a report by Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva (Azerbaijan, EC), the Sub-Committee Chairperson, on the Parliamentary seminar on “Employment, training and equal opportunities: how to ensure fair treatment and inclusion for all” (in the framework of promoting implementation of the European Social Charter and of the Partnership for Good Governance) held in Paris on 27 October 2017;
- ***Sub-Committee on Children***: heard a report by Ms Martine Mergen (Luxembourg, EPP/CD), on the meeting of the Sub-Committee held in London on 6-7 November 2017 on the occasion of the Parliamentary Seminar on “Children’s Mental Health and Child-Friendly Justice” organised by the UK parliament, and on the meeting of the Sub-Committee held in the morning, and agreed to the Sub-Committee’s proposal to request that the Committee be seized for opinion on “Missing refugee and migrant children in Europe”;
- ***Changes in Sub-Committees***:
 - Sub-Committee on Children**
 - Ms Nicole TRISSE (France, NR) becomes a full member;
 - Ms Kerry McCARTHY (United Kingdom, SOC) becomes the alternate of Baroness Doreen MASSEY (United Kingdom, SOC);

Sub-Committee on Public Health and Sustainable Development

Mr Bernard CAZEAU (France, NR) becomes a full member and Ms Jennifer DE TEMMERMAN (France, NR) his alternate;

Lord Don TOUHIG (United Kingdom, SOC) becomes the alternate of Lord John PRESCOTT (United Kingdom, SOC);

Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter

Mr Conor McGINN (United Kingdom, SOC) becomes a full member and Ms Maggie THROUP (United Kingdom, EC) his alternate;

Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize

Mr John HOWELL (United Kingdom, EC) becomes a full member and Lord PRESCOTT (United Kingdom, SOC) his alternate;

– *Date and place of next meetings:*

Thanked the Chairperson of the Portuguese delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly for the kind invitation to hold a meeting of the Committee and one of its Sub-Committees in Lisbon on 17-18 September 2018, and agreed to hold its meetings as follows:

Plenary committee:

- First part-session 2018 of the Assembly, 22-26 January 2018, Strasbourg;
- Tuesday 20 March 2018, Paris (Council of Europe Office);
- Second part-session 2018 of the Assembly, 23-27 April 2018, Strasbourg;
- Friday 8 June 2018, Paris (Council of Europe Office);
- Third part-session 2018 of the Assembly, 25-29 June 2018, Strasbourg;
- Monday 17 September and Tuesday 18 September 2018, meetings of the Plenary Committee and of one of the Sub-Committees, Lisbon, Portugal (*subject to Bureau authorisation*);
- Fourth part-session 2018 of the Assembly, 8-12 October 2018, Strasbourg;
- Tuesday 4 December 2018, Paris (Council of Europe Office).

The Sub-Committee on Children meeting in Paris on 6 December 2017, with Ms Martine Mergen (Luxembourg, EPP/CD), in the Chair, as regards:

- ***Seminar on Children’s Mental Health and Child-Friendly Justice:*** heard a brief report by Ms Martine Mergen about the Seminar organised by the British Parliament, House of Commons, and held on 6-7 November 2017 in London (United Kingdom);
- ***Election of the Vice-Chairperson of the Sub-Committee:*** in the absence of a candidate, postponed the election to its next meeting;
- ***Other business:*** agreed to ask the Plenary Committee to request that the latter be seized for opinion on “Missing refugee and migrant children in Europe”;
- ***Date and place of the next meetings:*** decided to hold its next meeting as follows:
 - First part-session 2018 of the Assembly, 22-26 January 2018, Strasbourg (*date to be confirmed*);

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