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

Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg from 25 to 29 June 2018

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

- **Monday, 25 June 2018, at 2 pm**, with Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:
 - **Forced marriage in Europe** (*Rapporteur for opinion: Ms Carina Ohlsson, Sweden, SOC*): considered and unanimously approved an opinion including six amendments to the draft resolution tabled by the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination;
 - **The International Diabetes Federation European Region (IDF Europe)**: held an exchange of views with Ms Şehnaz Karadeniz, Chairperson of IDF Europe;
 - **Sustainable urban development fostering social inclusion**: (*Rapporteur: Ms Sybille Benning, Germany, EPP/CD*): approved the Rapporteur's request (*subject to availability of funds*) to undertake a fact-finding visit to Zurich (Switzerland), and agreed to submit to the Bureau a request for an extension of the reference until 30 April 2019, and decided to come back to this issue later in the week;
- **Tuesday, 26 June 2018, at 2 pm**, with Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:
 - **The role of national parliaments in successful decentralisation processes** (*Rapporteur: Mr Luís Leite Ramos, Portugal, EPP/CD*): held an exchange of views with the participation of:
 - ✓ Ms Alba Dakoli Wilson, Director of Foundation for Local Autonomy and Governance (FLAG), Albania;
 - ✓ Mr Tomás Font i Llovet, Emeritus Professor in Administrative Law, University of Barcelona, Spain;
 - ✓ Mr Andreas Kiefer, Secretary General of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe;
 - **Sustainable urban development fostering social inclusion**: (*Rapporteur: Ms Sybille Benning, Germany, EPP/CD*): in the absence of the Rapporteur, considered an introductory memorandum;
 - **Addressing the health needs of adolescents in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Baroness Doreen Massey, United Kingdom, SOC*): considered an introductory memorandum and, (*subject to availability of funds*) authorised the rapporteur to undertake a fact-finding visit to Stockholm (Sweden);
 - **Air quality and diesel emissions in urban centres** (*Rapporteur: Mr Serhii Kiral, Ukraine, EC*): in the absence of the rapporteur, considered an introductory memorandum and, (*subject to availability of funds*) authorised the Rapporteur to undertake a fact-finding visit to the European Environment Agency in Copenhagen (Denmark), and to attend the first WHO Global Conference on Air Pollution and Health, to be held on 30 October – 1 November 2018 in Geneva, Switzerland;

- **Committee's work programme and priorities:** appointed Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE) as PACE General Rapporteur on Local and Regional Authorities and heard from him a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
 - **Thursday, 28 June 2018, at 8.30 am**, with Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:
 - **Committee's work programme and priorities:** heard reports from Committee representatives to external events, as follows:
 - ✓ Consultation on human rights and mental health, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Geneva, Switzerland, 14-15 May 2018: Ms Reina de Bruijn-Wezeman (Netherlands, ALDE);
 - ✓ 13th meeting of the Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO), Strasbourg, France, 23-25 May 2018: Ms Reina de Bruijn-Wezeman (Netherlands, ALDE);
 - **Nuclear safety and security in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Ms Emine Nur Günay, Turkey, EC*): considered a draft report;
 - **The provision of palliative care in Europe** (*Mr Rónán Mullen, Ireland, EPP/CD*): considered a preliminary draft report;
 - **Committee's work programme and priorities:**
 - appointed rapporteurs (*for report*) as follows:
 - ✓ The treatment of people with autism and their families: Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva (Azerbaijan, EC);
 - ✓ Impact of labour migration on left-behind children: Mr Viorel Riceard Badea (Romania, EPP/CD) (*in his absence*);
- and heard from Ms Fataliyeva a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
- appointed Committee representatives to external events as follows (*subject to availability of funds*):
 - ✓ 22nd meeting of the Committee of the Parties to the Lanzarote Convention, 7-9 November 2018: Baroness Massey, United Kingdom, SOC;
 - ✓ United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP24), 3-14 December 2018, Katowice, Poland (participation limited to three days), including the Parliamentary Meeting on 9 December organised by the IPU: Lord John Prescott (United Kingdom, SOC), in his capacity as Rapporteur on Climate change and implementation of the Paris Agreement, and as second representative (at no cost to the Assembly) Ms Jennifer De Temmerman (France, NR);
 - *World Forum for Democracy, Strasbourg, 19-21 November 2018*: took note of the dates of the next forum on the theme "Women's participation in public and political affairs", and proposed Ms Jennifer De Temmerman (France, NR), Ms Yolande De Courson (France, NR), Ms Milica Markovic (Bosnia and Herzegovina, FDG) and Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) as members of the ad hoc Committee of the Bureau to participate in the Forum;
 - heard reports from Committee representatives to external events, as follows:
 - ✓ Cross-border co-operation in Europe: Decentralisation, legal frameworks and practice", International Conference, Dubrovnik, Croatia, 25 May 2018: Mr Luís Leite Ramos (Portugal, EPP/CD);
 - ✓ 21st meeting of the Lanzarote Committee, Strasbourg, France, 20-22 June 2018: Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE);
 - **Anonymous donation of gametes: balancing the rights of parents, donors and offspring** (*Rapporteur: Ms Petra De Sutter, Belgium, SOC*): considered and declassified an introductory memorandum and modified the title to read "Anonymous donation of sperm and oocytes: balancing the rights of parents, donors and children";

- **Sub-Committee on Public Health and Sustainable Development:** heard a report from Ms Anne Kalmari (Finland, ALDE), Vice-Chairperson of the Sub-Committee, on the meeting held on Tuesday 26 June 2018;
- **Thursday, 28 June 2018, at 2 pm,** with Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:
 - **Committee's work programme and priorities:** appointed rapporteur (*for report*) as follows:
 - ✓ The activities of the Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB): Ms Nicole Trisse (France, NR), *subject to the renewal of her status as member of the committee*, and heard from her a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
 - **Striking a balance between the best interest of the child and the need to keep the families together** (*Rapporteur: Mr Valeriu Ghiletschi, Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD*): took position on the 15 amendments and 7 sub-amendments tabled to the draft resolution;
 - **Sub-Committee on Children:** heard a report from Baroness Doreen Massey (United Kingdom, SOC), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee, on the meeting held on Tuesday 26 June 2018;
 - **Stress at work** (*Rapporteur: Mr Stefaan Vercaemer, Belgium, EPP/CD*): in the absence of the Rapporteur, agreed to submit to the Bureau a request for an extension of the reference until 30 April 2019;
 - **Changes in Sub-Committees:** approved the following change:
 - Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter**
 - ✓ Mr Steve Double (United Kingdom, EC) becomes the alternate of Mr Conor McGinn (United Kingdom, SOC);
 - ✓ Mr Nagif Hamzayev (Azerbaijan, NR) becomes a full member;
 - ✓ Ms Yolaine de Courson (France, NR) becomes a full member;
 - Sub-Committee on Children**
 - ✓ Ms Yolaine de Courson (France, NR) becomes a full member;
 - ✓ Ms Reina de Bruijin-Wezeman (Netherlands, ALDE) becomes a full member;
- **Date and place of next meetings:** decided to hold its next meetings as follows:
 - Plenary committee:**
 - Monday 17 September and Tuesday 18 September 2018, Lisbon (Portugal);
 - Fourth part-session 2018 of the Assembly, 8-12 October 2018, Strasbourg;
 - Tuesday 4 December 2018, Paris (Council of Europe Office).
 - Sub-Committee on Children:**
 - Monday, 17 September 2018, Lisbon (Portugal);
 - Fourth part-session 2018 of the Assembly, Strasbourg (*date to be confirmed*);
 - Joint meeting with the Sub-Committee on Education, Youth and Sport: Wednesday 17 October and Thursday 18 October 2018, Tbilisi, Georgia;
 - Sub-Committee on Public Health and Sustainable Development:**
 - Monday, 17 September 2018 Lisbon, Portugal;

The Sub-Committee on Public Health and Sustainable Development, meeting in Strasbourg on 26 June 2018, with first Mr Stefan Schennach, Committee Chairperson, and then Ms Anne Kalmari, newly elected Vice-Chairperson in the Chair:

- elected by acclamation Ms Anne Kalmari (Finland, ALDE) Vice-Chairperson;
- ***Follow-up to the meeting with a member of the Turkish Delegation to the PACE on the appeal of the Environmental Platform of Muğla District, Turkey:*** heard a statement by the Committee Chairperson on the meeting held on 25 April 2018 and agreed to his proposal that a motion for a resolution on “Protecting the environment through transparent, inclusive and accountable land use” be submitted to the plenary Committee, with a view to its adoption for tabling;
- ***Global Kidney Exchange concept:*** held an exchange of views with Ms Marta López Fraga, Secretary to the European Committee on Organ Transplantation (CD-P-TO), and agreed to consider a draft statement on the Global Kidney Exchange concept at its next meeting, with a view to its adoption by the plenary Committee at its meeting in Lisbon;
- ***Date and place of the next meeting:*** decided to hold its next meeting on Monday, 17 September 2018, in Lisbon, Portugal.

The Sub-Committee on Children, meeting in Strasbourg on 26 June 2018, with Baroness Doreen Massey, Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- ***Chair’s Report on the Sub-Committee activities in 2017:*** heard a statement by the Sub-Committee Chairperson and approved the 2018 work programme of the Sub-Committee;
- ***Joint meeting of the Sub-Committee on Children and the Sub-Committee on Education, Youth and Sport in Tbilisi, Georgia from 17-18 October 2018:*** heard an update on the preparations for the joint meeting and took note of the expressions of interest from the members of the Sub-Committee;
- ***Other business:*** held an exchange of views on the recent developments in the area of children’s rights in member States;
- ***Date and place of the next meeting:*** decided to hold its next meeting on Monday, 17 September, in Lisbon, Portugal.

The Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize, meeting in Strasbourg on 28 June 2018, with Mr Luís Leite Ramos (Portugal, EPP/CD), Vice-Chairperson of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, in the Chair, as regards:

- held the award ceremony of the 2018 European Diplomas, awarded to 16 cities;
- ***Date and place of the next meeting***: decided to hold its next meeting on the occasion of the Europe Prize presentation ceremony in Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine, on 28 September 2018.

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