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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 9 to 11 October 2018

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

- **Tuesday, 9 October 2018, from 8 to 8.30 am** with Mr Luís Leite Ramos, Portugal, EPP/CD, First Vice-Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:
 - ***The treatment of Palestinian minors in the Israeli justice system*** (*Rapporteur: Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier, Switzerland, SOC*): took position on the 10 amendments tabled to the draft resolution;
- **Tuesday, 9 October 2018, from 8.3 to 10 am**, with Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:
 - ***Protecting the rights of people with psychosocial disabilities with regard to involuntary measures in psychiatry*** (*Rapporteur: Ms Reina de Bruijn-Wezeman, Netherlands, ALDE*): held a joint public hearing together with the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, with the participation of:
 - ✓ Ms Beatrice Gabriela Ioan, Chairperson of the Council of Europe Committee on Bioethics;
 - ✓ Ms Catalina Devandas Aguilar, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities;
 - ✓ Ms Dunja Mijatović, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights;
 - ✓ Mr Christos Giakoumopoulos, Director General of Human Rights and Rule of Law of the Council of Europe;
 - ✓ Ms Olga Runciman, Psychologist and owner of *Psycovery*;
- **Wednesday, 10 October 2018, from 2 to 3.30 pm**, with first Mr Luís Leite Ramos (Portugal, EPP/CD), First Vice-Chairperson, and then Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:
 - ***Nuclear safety and security in Europe***: took position on the 10 amendments tabled to the draft resolution;
 - ***Addressing the health needs of adolescents in Europe*** (*Rapporteur: Baroness Doreen Massey, United Kingdom, SOC*): heard a statement by the rapporteur on the occasion of World Mental Health Day (10 October) and a report on her fact-finding visit to Stockholm, Sweden, and considered a preliminary draft report;
 - ***Committee's work programme and priorities***;
 - *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, The Hague (the Netherlands), 7-9 November 2018: Ms Reina de Bruijn-Wezeman, Netherlands, ALDE;

- *World Forum for Democracy, Strasbourg, 19-21 November 2018*: took note of the draft programme of the next forum on the theme “Women’s participation in public and political affairs”, and proposed Ms Kasimati (Greece, UEL) as additional member of the ad hoc Committee of the Bureau to participate in the Forum;
- *Consideration of draft motions for a resolution/recommendation with a view to adoption by the Committee for tabling*: approved the motion for a recommendation on “Involuntary addiction to prescription medicines” for tabling;
- *heard reports from Committee representatives to external events, as follows*:
 - ✓ “Industrial relations in Europe: Fostering equality at work and cross-country convergence?”, ILO Conference organised with the cooperation of the European Commission, Paris (France), 17-18 May 2018: Mr Andrej Hunko (Germany, UEL);
 - ✓ World Congress on Justice for Children, Paris (France), 28-30 May 2018: Mr Valeriu Ghilechi (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD);
 - ✓ General Assembly and Youth Meeting 2018, Association of Towns Awarded the Europe Prize, Lublin (Poland), 2 June 2018: Mr Ionuț-Marian Stroe (Romania, EPP/CD);
- ***Election of the Third Vice-Chairperson***: elected Ms Nina Kasimati (Greece, UEL), by acclamation;
- ***Changes in Sub-Committees***: approved the following changes:
 - Sub-Committee on Children**
 - ✓ Ms Diana Adriana Tușa (Romania, SOC) became a full member;
 - Sub-Committee on the European Charter**
 - ✓ Ms Selin Sayek Böke (Turkey, SOC) became a full member, replacing Mr Kesici;
 - Sub-Committee on Public Health and Sustainable Development**
 - ✓ Ms Selin Sayek Böke (Turkey, SOC) became a full member, replacing Mr Kesici;
 - ✓ Mr Ali Şahin (Turkey, EC) became full member, replacing Ms Şahin Usta;
 - Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize**
 - ✓ Mr Konstantinos Katsikis (Greece, NR) became a full member, replacing Mr Kammenos;
 - ✓ Mr Hişyar Özsoy (Turkey, UEL) became full member, replacing Mr Kürkçü;
- **Thursday, 11 October 2018, from 2 to 3.30 pm**, with first Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC), Chairperson, and then Mr Luís Leite Ramos (Portugal, EPP/CD), First Vice-Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:
 - ***Committee’s work programme and priorities***:
 - heard a declaration on the absence of a conflict of interest by Mr Viorel Riceard Badea (Romania, EPP/CD), rapporteur on “Impact of labour migration on left-behind children”;
 - heard a report by Mr Serhii Kiral (Ukraine, EC) on his participation in the United Nations High-Level meeting on the fight against tuberculosis, 26 September 2018, New York (United States of America);
 - ***Sub-Committee on Children***: heard a statement from the Chairperson, Baroness Doreen Massey (United Kingdom, SOC) on the Sub-Committee’s meeting on Monday, 8 October 2018;
 - ***The role of national parliaments in successful decentralisation processes*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Luís Leite Ramos, Portugal, EPP/CD*): took position on the 8 amendments tabled to the draft resolution;

- **Protecting the rights of people with psychosocial disabilities with regard to involuntary measures in psychiatry** (*Rapporteur: Ms Reina de Bruijn-Wezeman, Netherlands, ALDE*): heard a statement by the rapporteur, adopted comments on the draft Additional Protocol to the Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine concerning the protection of human rights and dignity of persons with mental disorder with regard to involuntary placement and involuntary treatment for transmission to the Council of Europe's Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO), and agreed to make them available to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination; considered a revised introductory memorandum and agreed to declassify it;
- **Other business**: at the request of the President of the Assembly, appointed Ms Martine Mergen (Luxembourg, EPP/CD), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Public Health and Sustainable Development, to represent her at the Global Conference on Primary Health Care, to be held in Astana (Kazakhstan), on 25-26 October 2018;
- **Date and place of next meetings**: decided to hold its next meetings as follows:
 - Tuesday 4 December 2018, Paris (Council of Europe Office);
 - First part-session 2019 of the Assembly (21-25 January 2019), Strasbourg;
 - Tuesday, 19 March 2019, Paris (Council of Europe Office);
 - Second part-session 2019 of the Assembly (8-12 April 2019), Strasbourg;
 - Wednesday, 15 May 2019, Paris (Council of Europe Office) (*to be confirmed*);
 - Third part-session 2019 of the Assembly (24-28 June 2019), Strasbourg;
 - Wednesday, 12 September 2019, Paris (Council of Europe Office);
 - Fourth part-session 2019 of the Assembly (30 September - 4 October 2019), Strasbourg;
 - Tuesday, 3 December 2019, Paris (Council of Europe).

The Sub-Committee on Children, meeting in Strasbourg on 8 October 2018, with Baroness Doreen Massey, Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **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;
- **International events on children's rights in 2019 - the Sub-Committee's contribution**: decided to make use of the forthcoming anniversaries and events for raising awareness of the Assembly's contribution to the promotion of child rights, and to explore ways of strengthening co-operation with the UN;
- **Mainstreaming child and youth participation**: discussed proposals of possible ways to promote such participation and steps to be taken in this regard;
- **Future themes for the work of the Sub-Committee on Children**: decided to postpone this discussion to the next meeting.
- **Date and place of the next meeting**: decided to hold its next meetings as follows:

Joint meeting with the Sub-Committee on Education, Youth and Sport: Wednesday 17 October and Thursday 18 October 2018, Tbilisi (Georgia).

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