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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 March 2019

The Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, meeting in Paris on 19 March 2019, with Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Sustainable urban development fostering social inclusion** (*Rapporteur: Ms Sybille Benning, Germany, EPP/CD*): considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution, with a view to presenting the report for debate at the Standing Committee in Paris, on 24 May 2019;
- **Air quality and diesel emissions in urban centres** (*Rapporteur: Mr Serhii Kiral, Ukraine, EC*): considered a preliminary draft report and decided to change the title to “Air pollution: a challenge for public health in Europe”;
- **The societal impact of the “platform economy”** (*Rapporteur: Mr Luís Leite Ramos, Portugal, EPP/CD*): considered a preliminary draft report;
- **Protecting the rights of people with psychosocial disabilities with regard to involuntary measures in psychiatry** (*Rapporteur: Ms Reina de Bruijn-Wezeman, Netherlands, ALDE*): considered a preliminary draft report and agreed to make it available to the Council of Europe Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO), the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights, and the PACE Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination; decided to change the title to “Ending coercion in mental health: the need for a human-rights based approach”;
- **Committee’s work programme and priorities:**
 - appointed rapporteurs as follows:
 - For report*
 - ✓ Involuntary addiction to prescription medicines: Mr Joseph O’Reilly (Ireland, EPP/CD)
 - ✓ Giving a voice to every child: promoting child participation as a foundation for democratic societies: Baroness Doreen Massey (United Kingdom, SOC)
 - and heard from them a declaration of absence of conflict of interests;
- took note that Baroness Doreen Massey resigned from her rapporteurship (for opinion) on “Missing refugee and migrant children in Europe”;
- **Committee’s upcoming meeting in Vienna (Austria) on 13-14 May 2019:** took note of the programme, including the visits to Zwentendorf nuclear power plant and the School of Democracy, which would be carried out in parallel on 14 May in the afternoon, and noted that members should inform the Secretariat as soon as possible which visit they would like to take part in;

- **Committee’s work programme and priorities:**
- *appointed Committee representatives to external events as follows (subject to availability of funds):*
 - ✓ Expert Conference on Sexual Violence against Women and Children in Sports, Helsinki, Finland, 29-30 April 2019: Baroness Doreen Massey (United Kingdom, SOC);
 - ✓ 6th meeting of the Ad hoc Committee for the Rights of the Child (CAHENF), Strasbourg, France, 21-22 May 2019: Lord Don Touhig (United Kingdom, SOC);
 - ✓ 24th meeting of the Lanzarote Committee, Strasbourg, France, 4-6 June 2019: Baroness Doreen Massey (United Kingdom, SOC);
 - ✓ 15th Plenary meeting of the Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO), Strasbourg, France, 4-7 June 2019: Ms Reina de Bruijn-Wezeman (Netherlands, ALDE);
- **Changes in Sub-Committees:** approved the following changes:
 - Sub-Committee on Children**
 - ✓ Ms Carmen Leyte (Spain, EPP/CD) becomes a full member and Mr Jaime González Taboada (Spain, EPP/CD) becomes her alternate;
 - Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize**
 - ✓ Mr Jaime González Taboada (Spain, EPP/CD) becomes a full member and Ms Carmen Leyte (Spain, EPP/CD) becomes his alternate;
 - Sub-Committee on Public Health and Sustainable Development**
 - ✓ Ms Jennifer De Temmerman (France, NR) becomes a full member;
 - ✓ Ms Carmen Leyte (Spain, EPP/CD) becomes a full member and Mr Jaime González Taboada (Spain, EPP/CD) becomes her alternate;
 - Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter**
 - ✓ Mr Jaime González Taboada (Spain, EPP/CD) becomes a full member and Ms Carmen Leyte (Spain, EPP/CD) becomes his alternate;
- **Sub-Committee on Children:** heard a report from the Committee Chairperson, on the meeting held the same morning;
- **Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize:** heard a report from the Committee Chairperson, on the meeting held in Strasbourg on 24 January 2019;
- **Sub-Committee on Public Health and Sustainable Development:** heard a report from Mr Joseph O’Reilly (Ireland, EPP/CD), Sub-Committee Chairperson, on the meeting held in Strasbourg on 24 January 2019;
- **The Council of Europe Development Bank: contributing to building a more inclusive society** (*Rapporteur: Ms Nicole Trisse, France, NR*): considered a revised introductory memorandum and held an exchange of views with Mr Dominique Lamiot, Chair of the Governing Board of the Council of Europe Development Bank;
- **Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals: synergy needed on the part of all stakeholders, from parliaments to local authorities** (*Rapporteur: Ms Jennifer De Temmerman, France, NR*): considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution as amended, with a view to presenting the report for debate in the Assembly during the second part-session 2019;
- **Ending violence against children: a Council of Europe contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals** (*Rapporteur: Baroness Doreen Massey, United Kingdom, SOC*): considered a preliminary draft report and, *(subject to the availability of funds)* authorised the rapporteur to undertake a fact-finding visit to Berlin (Germany), to be combined with that to be carried out in the framework of her report on “Stepping up co-operation between European initiatives for better child protection against sexual violence”;

- **Stepping up co-operation between European initiatives for better child protection against sexual violence** (*Rapporteur: Baroness Doreen Massey, United Kingdom, SOC*): considered an introductory memorandum and decided to change the title to “Addressing sexual violence against children: stepping up action and co-operation in Europe”;
- **Combating trafficking in human tissues and cells** (*Rapporteur: Mr Serhii Kiral, Ukraine, EC*): considered an introductory memorandum and agreed to submit to the Bureau a request for an extension of the reference until 31 December 2019 for this report, as well as for the report on “Organ transplant tourism” (*Rapporteur: Ms Stella Kyriakides, Cyprus, EPP/CD*), with a view to presenting the two reports for a joint debate in the Assembly during the first part-session 2020;
- **Other business:**
- **Václav Havel Human Rights Prize:** took note of the call for nominations for the 2019 Václav Havel Prize, and of the fact that the deadline for applications was 30 April 2019;
- **Date and place of next meetings:**

Plenary committee:

- Second part-session 2019 of the Assembly, 8-12 April 2019, Strasbourg;
- 13-14 May 2019, Vienna (Austria);
- Third part-session 2019 of the Assembly, 24-28 June 2019, Strasbourg;
- 13 September 2019, Paris (Council of Europe Office);
- Fourth part-session 2019 of the Assembly, 30 September-4 October 2019, Strasbourg;
- 3 December 2019, Paris (Council of Europe Office).

Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize:

- Second part-session 2019 of the Assembly, 11 April 2019, Strasbourg (*in camera*);

Sub-Committee on Children:

- Second part-session 2019 of the Assembly, 10 April 2019, Strasbourg;
- 14 May 2019, Vienna (Austria);
- Third part session 2019 of the Assembly, 28 June 2019, Strasbourg;
- Fourth part-session 2019 of the Assembly, 30 September-4 October 2019, Strasbourg (*date to be confirmed*);

Sub-Committee on Public Health and Sustainable Development:

- Second part-session 2019 of the Assembly, 10 April 2019, Strasbourg;

The Sub-Committee on Children, meeting in Paris on 19 March 2019, with Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC), Committee Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Work programme of the Sub-Committee:** adopted its work programme for 2019;
- **Promoting child participation in and through the Parliamentary Assembly:** heard an update from Baroness Doreen Massey (United Kingdom, SOC) on the latest developments in the framework of her initiative on this subject and decided to hold a half a day meeting on child participation on the margins of the June part-session 2019 of the Assembly (*28 June 2019, to be confirmed*);
- **Date and place of the next meeting:** decided to hold its next meeting during the April part-session 2019 of the Assembly, in Strasbourg (*10 April 2019 from 2.15 to 3.30 pm*).

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