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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 3 December 2019

The Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, meeting in Paris, on Tuesday, 3 December 2019, with Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC), Chairperson, and Mr Joseph O'Reilly (Ireland, EPP/CD), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Public Health and Sustainable Development, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Exchange of views with the President of the Parliamentary Assembly, Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier:** held an exchange of views;
- **Combating trafficking in human tissues and cells** (*Rapporteur: Ms Reina de Bruijn-Wezeman, Netherlands, ALDE*): considered a draft report in the Rapporteur's absence, and unanimously adopted a draft recommendation, as amended, with a view to presenting the report for debate in the Assembly during the January 2020 part-session (in a joint debate with the report on *Organ transplant tourism*);
- **Organ transplant tourism** (*Rapporteur: Mr Stefan Schennach, Austria, SOC*): considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution, with a view to presenting the report for debate in the Assembly during the January 2020 part-session (in a joint debate with the report on *Combating trafficking in human tissues and cells*);
- **Missing refugee and migrant children in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Lord Don Touhig, United Kingdom, SOC*): considered and unanimously approved an opinion including 11 amendments to the draft resolution tabled by the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons;
- **Committee's work programme and priorities**
- took note of the Committee of Ministers' reply to the Assembly's Recommendation 2156 (2019) on "Anonymous donation of sperm and oocytes: balancing the rights of parents, donors and children";
- appointed Ms Edite Estrela (Portugal, SOC) rapporteur (*for report*) on "Climate change and the rule of law: baseline study" and heard from her a declaration on the absence of any conflict of interest;
- decided to request that the Committee be seized for opinion on the report under preparation, by the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media, on "Strengthening the role of young people in the prevention and resolution of conflicts" with a view to the role of children;
- appointed Committee representatives to external events, as follows (*subject to the availability of funds*):
  - ✓ United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP25), 2-13 December 2019, Madrid, Spain (*participation limited to three days*): Ms Jennifer De Temmerman (France, ALDE)
  - ✓ 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the European Committee on Democracy and Governance (CDDG), Strasbourg, 9-11 December 2019: left the decision to appoint a representative to the Chairperson of the Committee
  - ✓ 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Committee of the Parties of the Medicrime Convention, Strasbourg, 12-13 December 2019: left the decision to appoint a representative to the Chairperson of the Committee

- *heard reports from Committee representatives to external events, as follows:*
  - ✓ 25<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Lanzarote Committee and capacity-building meeting, Nicosia, Cyprus, 15-18 October 2019: Baroness Doreen E. Massey (United Kingdom, SOC)
  - ✓ 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Ad hoc Committee for the Rights of the Child (CAHENF), Strasbourg, 12 November 2019: Baroness Doreen E. Massey (United Kingdom, SOC)
  - ✓ International Conference on “New technologies in health: medical, legal and ethical issues”, Thessaloniki, Greece, 21-22 November 2019: Ms Selin Sayek Böke (Turkey, SOC)
  - ✓ Lisbon Forum on “Building together the SDGs”, Lisbon, Portugal, 25 November 2019: Ms Emine Nur Günay (Turkey, NR)
  - ✓ Round Table on Good Practices in Mental Health Care organised by the Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO), Brussels, 26 November 2019: Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC)
- **Artificial intelligence and labour markets: friend or foe?** (*Rapporteur: Mr Stefan Schennach, Austria, SOC*): considered a revised introductory memorandum, held an exchange of views with Ms Corinna Engelhardt-Nowitzki, Head of the Industrial Engineering Department at the University of Applied Sciences in Vienna, Austria, and authorised the Rapporteur to undertake a fact-finding visit to Geneva together with the Rapporteur on *Artificial intelligence in healthcare: medical, legal and ethical challenges ahead*;
- **Artificial intelligence in healthcare: medical, legal and ethical challenges ahead** (*Rapporteur: Ms Selin Sayek Böke, Turkey, SOC*): considered an introductory memorandum and authorised the Rapporteur to undertake a fact-finding visit to Geneva together with the Rapporteur on *Artificial intelligence and labour markets: friend or foe?*;
- **Supporting people with autism and their families** (*Rapporteur: Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva, Azerbaijan, EC/DA*): in the absence of the Rapporteur, took note of the analysis of the replies to the questionnaire sent out via the European Centre for Parliamentary Research and Documentation (ECPRD);
- **Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize**: heard a report from the Committee Chairperson on the meeting held in Paris on 3 December 2019 and approved the Sub-Committee’s decision regarding the changes to the Rules of the Europe Prize;
- **Other business**: Baroness Doreen E. Massey (United Kingdom, SOC) informed the Committee on the progress of her report on *Giving a voice to every child: promoting child participation as a foundation for democratic societies*;
- **Date and place of next meetings**

#### **Plenary Committee**

- First part-session 2020 of the Assembly, 27-31 January 2020, Strasbourg
- 12 March 2020, Paris (Council of Europe Office) OR 12-13 March 2020 (*place to be determined, to be confirmed*)
- Second part-session 2020 of the Assembly, 20-24 April 2020, Strasbourg
- 19 May 2020, Paris (Council of Europe Office)
- Third part-session 2020 of the Assembly, 22-26 June 2020, Strasbourg
- 22 September 2020, Paris (Council of Europe Office)
- Fourth part-session 2020 of the Assembly, 12-16 October 2020, Strasbourg
- 1 December 2020, Paris (Council of Europe Office)

#### **Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter**

- First part-session 2020 of the Assembly, 27-31 January 2020, Strasbourg (*date to be confirmed*)

#### **Sub-Committee on Children**

- First part-session 2020 of the Assembly, 27-31 January 2020, Strasbourg (*date to be confirmed*)

#### **Sub-Committee on Public Health and Sustainable Development**

- First part-session 2020 of the Assembly, 27-31 January 2020, Strasbourg (*date to be confirmed*)

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**The Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize**, meeting in Paris on 3 December 2019, with Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC), Committee Chairperson, in the Chair:

- considered and approved a proposal to amend the Rules on the Europe Prize and decided to submit the proposal to the Plenary Committee for endorsement;
  - heard a report on the Presidium meeting of the Association of towns awarded the Europe Prize, which took place in St Pölten (Austria) on 30 November 2019;
- ***Date and place of next meetings***
- First part-session 2020 of the Assembly, 27-31 January 2020, Strasbourg (*date to be confirmed*)
  - Second part-session 2020 of the Assembly, 20-24 April 2020, Strasbourg (*date to be confirmed*)

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