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To the members of the Sub-Committee on Children and the Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter

Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg from 14 to 15 November 2019

The Sub-Committee on Children and the Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter, meeting in Strasbourg, held a joint meeting with Ms Irina Pruidze (Georgia, EC/DA), Vice-Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Children, in the Chair:

- **Thursday, 14 November 2019, at 2 pm, as regards:**
 - ***RedefiningPower4Children: strengthening the rights of the child as the key to a future-proof Europe – parliamentary follow-up to the Mid-Term Evaluation Conference on the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2016-2021)***: held a round table with the participation of Ms Jennifer De Temmerman, member of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development;
 - ***The power of parliamentary action: promoting meaningful and sustainable child participation in the work of national parliaments and the Parliamentary Assembly of Council of Europe (Rapporteur: Baroness Doreen E. Massey, United Kingdom, SOC)***: held a round table with the participation of:
 - ✓ Ms Cath Larkins, Chair of Eurochild's Child Participation Reference Group (United Kingdom)
 - ✓ Ms Zsuzsanna Rutai, Children's Rights Consultant
 - ✓ Children representing Eurochild and Themis associations
 - ***Parliamentary action empowering children to stop sexual violence***: held a hearing, organised as a Parliamentary Assembly contribution to the European Day on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (18 November) with the participation of:
 - ✓ Mr Mikaël Poutiers, Secretary of the Lanzarote Committee, Children's Rights Division, Council of Europe
 - ✓ Ms Cath Larkins, Chair of Eurochild's Child Participation Reference Group (United Kingdom)
 - ✓ Ms Josiane Bigot, President of Themis (France), association for access of children and young people to justice
 - ✓ Mr Olivier Égelé, President of Stop Sexual Violence Alsace (France)
- **Friday, 15 November 2019, at 9 am, as regards:**
 - ***Across Europe, a quarter of children are at risk of social exclusion – are parliaments doing enough to protect them?***: held a hearing with the participation of:
 - ✓ Ms Eliane Chemla, General Rapporteur of the European Committee of Social Rights (ECSR)
 - ✓ Mr Jan Malinowski, Head of Department of the European Social Charter, Council of Europe
 - ✓ Mr Grigorios Tsioukas, Seconded National Expert, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)

- ***The role of parliaments in building a safety net for children from vulnerable backgrounds (such as migrant and refugee children, disabled children, Roma children, etc.):*** held a hearing with the participation of:
 - ✓ Mr Philip Ishola, Executive Director of Love146 UK, a charitable organisation looking after the interests of child trafficking survivors (United Kingdom)
 - ✓ Ms Kalliopi Gkliva, Project Manager, Refugee Emergency Relief Program, SOS Children's Villages (Greece)
 - ✓ Ms Chrisoula Arcoudis, Roma and Travellers Team, Council of Europe

- ***Date and place of next meetings:***

Sub-Committee on Children

- First part-session 2020 of the Assembly, 27-31 January 2020, Strasbourg;

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