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

Synopsis

of the meeting held by videoconference on 22 September 2020

The Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, meeting by videoconference on Tuesday, 22 September 2020, from 9:30 am to 12 noon and from 2 to 4:30 pm, with Mr Luís Leite Ramos (Portugal, EPP/CD), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Artificial intelligence in health care: medical, legal and ethical challenges ahead** (*Rapporteur: Ms Selin Sayek Böke, Turkey, SOC*): considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft recommendation, with a view to presenting the report to the enlarged Standing Committee meeting in October 2020;
- **Impact of labour migration on left-behind children** (*Rapporteur: Mr Viorel Badea, Romania, EPP/CD*): considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation, with a view to presenting the report to the Standing Committee meeting on 20 November 2020;
- **Artificial intelligence and labour markets: friend or foe?** (*Rapporteur: Mr Stefan Schennach, Austria, SOC*): considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation, with a view to presenting the report to the enlarged Standing Committee meeting in October 2020;
- **Effective guardianship for unaccompanied and separated migrant children** (*Rapporteur: Ms Sibel Arslan, Switzerland, SOC*): considered and unanimously adopted a draft opinion;
- **Committee's work programme and priorities:**

– appointed rapporteurs as follows:

For report:

- ✓ Vaccine hesitancy: a major public health issue: Mr Vladimir Kruglyi (Russian Federation, NR);
- ✓ Impact of Covid-19 on children's rights: Baroness Doreen E. Massey (United Kingdom, SOC);

For opinion:

- ✓ Alternative care for unaccompanied and separated migrant children: Ms Sibel Arslan (Switzerland, SOC);

and heard from them a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;

– took note of the reference transmitted to the Committee for information on “Air quality strategy to reduce the spread of coronavirus”;

– having verified the quorum, approved three motions for a resolution, on “Safeguarding democratic values in international trade”, on “Overcoming the socio-economic crisis sparked by the Covid-19 pandemic” and on “Towards a Covid-19 vaccine: ethical, legal and practical considerations”, for tabling on behalf of the Committee;

– appointed Committee representatives to external events as follows:

- ✓ 17th meeting of DH-BIO, 2-6 November 2020, KUDO platform: Ms Reina de Bruijn-Wezeman (Netherlands, ALDE);
- ✓ 2nd meeting of the Steering Committee for the Rights of the Child (CDENF), 16-18 November 2020, KUDO platform: Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE), Baroness Doreen E. Massey (United Kingdom, SOC) and Ms Martine Wonner (France, ALDE);

- **World Forum for Democracy, Strasbourg, 16-18 November 2020:** took note of the rescheduling of the next forum on the theme “Can democracy save the environment?” to be held 8-10 November 2021, with various online events to be held during the run-up to these new dates;
- **Changes in Sub-Committees:** approved the following changes:
 - Sub-Committee on Children**
 - ✓ Ms Ada Marra (Switzerland, SOC) became the alternate of Mr Jean-Pierre Grin;
 - Sub-Committee on Public Health and Sustainable Development**
 - ✓ Ms Ada Marra (Switzerland, SOC) became the alternate of Ms Sibel Arslan;
 - ✓ Mr Halil Özşavli (Turkey, NR) became a full member;
- **Discrimination against persons dealing with long-term illness** (*Rapporteur: Ms Martine Wonner, France, ALDE*): held a public hearing with the participation of:
 - ✓ Ms Matilde Leonardi, Director Neurology, Public Health, Disability Unit & Coma Research Centre, Fondazione IRCCS Istituto Neurologico Carlo Besta (Italy);
 - ✓ Mr Kawaldip Sehmi, Chief Executive Officer, International Alliance of Patients’ Organisations;
 - ✓ Mr Ignacio Doreste, Advisor, European Trade Union Institute (ETUI);
- **Other business:**
 - ✓ heard an update by the Chairperson on the awarding of the Europe Prize 2021;
 - ✓ heard an update by Baroness Doreen E. Massey (United Kingdom, SOC) and Ms Martine Wonner (France, ALDE) on the state of preparation of the report and associated activities on child participation;
 - ✓ heard a report by Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva (Azerbaijan, EC/DA) on her virtual fact-finding visit to the United Kingdom in the framework of the preparation of the report on “Supporting people with autism and their families”;
 - ✓ heard a presentation by the Chairperson of the hearings organised on “Overcoming the socio-economic crisis sparked by the Covid-19 pandemic” in the morning of 7 October 2020, on the KUDO Platform, in the framework of a meeting of the Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter, and on “Securing safe medical supply chains” in the afternoon of 7 October 2020, on the KUDO Platform, in the framework of a meeting of the Sub-Committee on Public Health and Sustainable Development;
- **Date and place of next meetings:**
 - Plenary Committee**
 - 9 October 2020 (2 - 4.30 pm), KUDO Platform;
 - 1 December 2020, Paris (Council of Europe Office) (*to be confirmed*);
 - Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter**
 - 7 October 2020 (9.30 am – 12 noon), KUDO platform;
 - Sub-Committee on Public Health and Sustainable Development**
 - 7 October 2020 (2 - 4.30 pm), KUDO platform;
 - Sub-Committee on Children**
 - 10 November 2020 (2 - 4.30 pm), KUDO platform.

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