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

### Revised synopsis of the meeting held by videoconference on 1 December 2020

The Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, meeting by videoconference on Tuesday, 1 December 2020, from 9 am to 12.30 pm and from 2 to 4.30 pm, with Mr Luís Leite Ramos (Portugal, EPP/CD), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Discrimination against persons dealing with chronic and long-term illnesses** (*Rapporteur: Ms Martine Wonner, France, ALDE*): considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution with a new title as follows: Discrimination against persons dealing with chronic and long-term illnesses, with a view to presenting the report for debate during the January 2021 part-session of the Assembly;
- **Committee's work programme and priorities:**
- having verified the quorum, unanimously approved two motions for a resolution, on "Securing safe medical supply chains" and on "Health and social protection of undocumented workers", for tabling on behalf of the Committee;
- **Socio-economic inequalities in Europe: time to restore social trust by strengthening social rights** (*Rapporteur: Ms Selin Sayek Böke, Turkey, SOC*): considered an introductory memorandum and authorised the Rapporteur to undertake a fact-finding visit to the OECD (*subject to the availability of funds*);
- **Towards a Covid-19 vaccine: ethical, legal and practical considerations** (*Rapporteur: Ms Jennifer De Temmerman, France, ALDE*): considered and declassified an introductory memorandum, and held a public hearing with the participation of:

#### Session I: Developing a Covid-19 vaccine – our best hope of returning to normal life

- ✓ Ms Melanie Saville, Director of Vaccine & Research Development, Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI)
- ✓ Mr Marco Cavaleri, Head of Office, Anti-Infectives and Vaccines, Human Medicines, Evaluation Division of the European Medicines Agency (EMA)
- ✓ Ms Sarah Gilbert, Professor of Vaccinology, University of Oxford (UK)

#### Session II: Equity as an obligation at national and international level

- ✓ Ms Alena Buyx, Chair of the German Ethics Council
- ✓ Ms Emma Wheatley, Deputy General Counsel and Head of Business Development, Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI)

#### Session III: Overcoming vaccine hesitancy towards Covid-19 vaccines - coordinated action with a view to effective, consistent and transparent communication

- ✓ Ms Heidi Larson, Professor of Anthropology, Risk and Decision Science, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, UK
- ✓ Mr Tim Nguyen, Head of Unit – High Impact Events, Global Infectious Hazard Preparedness Department, WHO Information Network for Epidemics (EPI-WIN)

- **For stronger action on climate change:** declassified an introductory memorandum and a revised introductory memorandum and held a joint public hearing with the participation of children and experts

#### Session I: Inaction on climate change – a violation of children's rights (*Rapporteur: Ms Jennifer De Temmerman, France, ALDE*)

- ✓ Mr Nathan Méténier, Member of the UN Secretary-General's Youth Advisory Group, Europe Director of Youth4Nature, and co-founder of Generation Climate Europe, France
- ✓ Aida, Eugénie and Nèle, Eco-delegates, and Mr Najib Benarafa, Earth and Life Sciences Teacher, Sustainable Development Co-ordinator, Joan of Arc High School, Colombes, France

**Session II: Anchoring the right to a healthy environment: need for enhanced action by the Council of Europe**

*(Rapporteur: Mr Simon Moutquin, Belgium, SOC)*

- ✓ Ms Catherine Le Bris, Researcher on international law of human rights and the environment, CNRS (National Centre for Scientific Research), France
  - ✓ Mr David R. Boyd, UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and Environment, Associate Professor of Law, Policy, and Sustainability, Institute for Resources, Environment and Sustainability, School of Public Policy and Global Affairs, University of British Columbia, Canada
- **Deinstitutionalisation of persons with disabilities** *(Rapporteur: Ms Reina de Bruijn-Wezeman, Netherlands, ALDE)*: considered and agreed to declassify an introductory memorandum;
- **Eradicating extreme child poverty in Europe: an international obligation and a moral duty** *(Rapporteur: Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez, Switzerland, SOC)*: considered an introductory memorandum;
- **Committee's work programme and priorities:**
- *appointed Committee representatives to external events as follows:*
    - ✓ 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Committee of the Parties to the MEDICRIME Convention on the counterfeiting of medical products and similar crimes involving threats to public health, 1-3 December 2020, KUDO platform: Mr Geraint Davies (United Kingdom, SOC)
    - ✓ 30<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Lanzarote Committee, 7-11 December 2020, KUDO platform *(dates to be confirmed)*: Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE) and Baroness Doreen E. Massey (United Kingdom, SOC)
  - *heard back from Committee representatives to external events as follows:*
    - ✓ Meeting of the Current Affairs Committee of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, 16 September 2020, KUDO Platform: Ms Sybille Benning (Germany, EPP/CD) and Ms Jennifer De Temmerman (France, ALDE)
    - ✓ 17<sup>th</sup> meeting of DH-BIO, 3-6 November 2020, KUDO platform: Ms Reina de Bruijn-Wezeman (Netherlands, ALDE) and Ms Jennifer De Temmerman (France, ALDE)
    - ✓ Meetings of the North-South Centre (Bureau and Executive Committee), 13 November 2020, KUDO platform: Mr Luís Leite Ramos (Portugal, EPP/CD)
    - ✓ 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Steering Committee for the Rights of the Child (CDENF), 16-18 November 2020, KUDO platform: Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE)
- **Date and place of next meetings**
- 21 December 2020, KUDO platform, 9.30 am – 12 noon

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