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

Synopsis

of the meeting held via videoconference on 16 March 2021

The Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, meeting via videoconference, on Tuesday, 16 March 2021, at 9.45 am, with Mr Luís Leite Ramos (Portugal, EPP/CD), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **The climate crisis and the rule of law** (*Rapporteur: Ms Edite Estrela, Portugal, SOC*): considered a draft report, adopted a draft resolution, and unanimously adopted a draft recommendation, with a view to presenting the report for debate during the June 2021 part-session of the Assembly;
- **Impact of labour migration on left-behind children** (*Rapporteur: Mr Viorel Riceard Badea, Romania, EPP/CD*): took position on the amendments and sub-amendments tabled to the draft resolution and the draft recommendation, and decided to table two sub-amendments on behalf of the Committee;
- **Committee's work programme and priorities:**
 - appointed rapporteurs as follows, *for report*:
 - ✓ Securing safe medical supply chains: Ms Jennifer De Temmerman (France, ALDE)
 - ✓ Health and social protection of undocumented workers: Ms Ada Marra (Switzerland, SOC)
 - *for opinion*:
 - ✓ Addressing the issue of Daesh foreign fighters and their families returning from Syria and other countries to the member States of the Council of Europe: Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC)

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

- having verified the quorum, approved a motion for a recommendation on “Public health emergency: the need for a holistic approach to multilateralism and health care”, for tabling on behalf of the Committee;
- appointed Committee representatives to external events, as follows:
 - ✓ Meeting of the Bureau of the North-South Centre, 26 March 2021, KUDO platform: Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) and Ms Emin Nur Günay (Turkey, EC/DA)
 - ✓ Meeting of the European Stakeholders' Platform of the Strategy for Innovation and Good Governance at Local Level, EloGE, 29 March 2021, KUDO platform: Ms Sibel Arslan (Switzerland, SOC)
 - ✓ 31st meeting of the Committee of the Parties to the Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (Lanzarote Committee), 29 March-1 April 2021, KUDO platform: Mr Dimitri Houbroun (France, ALDE) and Baroness Doreen E. Massey (United Kingdom, SOC)
 - ✓ 13th plenary meeting of the European Committee on Democracy and Governance (CDDG), 15-17 April 2021, KUDO platform: Ms Sibel Arslan (Switzerland, SOC)
 - ✓ 3rd plenary meeting of the Steering Committee for the Rights of the Child (CDENF), 18 - 20 May 2021, Strasbourg and/or KUDO platform: Baroness Doreen E. Massey (United Kingdom, SOC) and Ms Martine Wonner (France, ALDE)
- **International obligations concerning the repatriation of children from war and conflict zones** (*former Rapporteur: Mr Stefan Schennach, Austria, SOC*): welcomed the Committee of Ministers' reply to the

Assembly's Recommendation 2169 (2020), and unanimously adopted a committee declaration on "Repatriating children from conflict zones is a matter of urgency";

- **Deinstitutionalisation of persons with disabilities** (*Rapporteur: Ms Reina de Bruijn-Wezeman, Netherlands, ALDE*): held a public hearing with the participation of:
 - ✓ **Ms Dunja Mijatović**, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights
 - ✓ **Mr Gerard Quinn**, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities
 - ✓ **Mr Andreas Accardo**, Head of Unit, Institutional Co-operation and Networks, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)
 - ✓ **Mr Luk Zelderloo**, Secretary General, European Association of Service Providers for Persons with Disabilities (EASPD)
 - ✓ **Ms Ritva Halila**, Chair of the Council of Europe Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO)
 - ✓ **Mr John Patrick Clarke**, Vice President, European Disability Forum (EDF)
 - ✓ **Ms Reina De Bruijn-Wezeman**, former PACE rapporteur on "Ending coercion in mental health: the need for a human rights-based approach"
 - ✓ **Ms Michelle Funk**, Head of Unit, Policy, Law and Human Rights, Department of Mental Health & Substance Use, World Health Organization (WHO)
 - ✓ **Ms Stephanie Wooley**, European Network for (ex)-Users and Survivors of Psychiatry (ENUSP)
 - ✓ **Mr Jose Maria Solé Chavero**, Board Member, European Association of Service Providers for Persons with Disabilities (EASPD)

- **Anchoring the right to a healthy environment: need for enhanced action by the Council of Europe** (*Rapporteur: Mr Simon Moutquin, Belgium, SOC*): considered a preliminary draft report;

- **Overcoming the socio-economic crisis sparked by the Covid-19 pandemic** (*Rapporteur: Mr Andrej Hunko, Germany, UEL*): considered a preliminary draft report;

- **Vaccine hesitancy: a major public health issue** (*Rapporteur: Mr Vladimir Kruglyi, Russian Federation, NR*): considered an analysis of the replies received to the ECPRD questionnaire on the subject;

- **Changes in Sub-Committees**: approved the following changes:

Sub-Committee on Children

- ✓ Ms Jennifer De Temmerman (France, ALDE) became the alternate of Ms Martine Wonner (France, ALDE)
- ✓ Mr Vladimir Kruglyi, (Russian Federation, NR) became a full member

Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter

- ✓ Mr Alain Milon (France, EPP/CD) became a full member
- ✓ Ms Jamila Madeira (Portugal, SOC) became a full member
- ✓ Ms Teresa Jiménez-Becerril (Spain, EPP/CD) became the alternate of Ms Suzana Sumelzo (Spain, SOC)

Sub-Committee on Public Health and Sustainable Development

- ✓ Ms Jamila Madeira (Portugal, SOC) became the alternate of Ms Edite Estrela (Portugal, SOC)

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

Plenary committee

- Thursday 15 April 2021 (11.15 am – 12.30 pm), KUDO Platform
- April part-session 2021 of the Assembly, 19-23 April 2021, Strasbourg and KUDO Platform
- Thursday 20 May 2021, Paris (Council of Europe Office) or Strasbourg, and/or KUDO Platform (*place to be confirmed*)
- June part-session 2021 of the Assembly, 21-25 June 2021, Strasbourg
- Thursday 9 September 2021, Paris (Council of Europe Office) (*place to be confirmed*)
- Autumn part-session 2021 of the Assembly, 27 September-1 October 2021, Strasbourg
- Wednesday 1 December 2021, Paris (Council of Europe Office) (*place to be confirmed*)

Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize

- Thursday 15 April 2021 (10–11 am), KUDO Platform, *meeting to be held in camera*

The Sub-Committee on Public Health and Sustainable Development, meeting via videoconference on Tuesday 16 March 2021, with Ms Jennifer De Temmerman (France, ALDE), Chairperson, in the Chair:

- Approved and declassified the minutes of the public hearing on “Overcoming vaccine hesitancy: strategies for parliaments and parliamentarians” held on 9 February 2021;
- ***Date and place of the next meeting:*** June part-session 2021 of the Assembly, 21-25 June 2021, Strasbourg (*place and date to be confirmed*).

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