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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 20 May 2021

The Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, meeting on **Thursday, 20 May 2021**, with Mr Luís Leite Ramos (Portugal, EPP/CD), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Strengthening the role of young people in the prevention and resolution of conflicts** (*Rapporteur for opinion: Ms Christina Erotokritou, Cyprus, SOC*): considered and approved a draft opinion, including 5 amendments to the draft resolution;
- **Overcoming the socio-economic crisis sparked by the Covid-19 pandemic** (*Rapporteur: Mr Andrej Hunko, Germany, UEL*): considered a draft report, adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation with a view to presenting the report for debate during the June 2021 part-session of the Assembly, and decided to propose that Mr Nicolas Schmit, EU Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights, be invited to address the Assembly during the plenary debate;
- **Impact of Covid-19 on children's rights** (*Rapporteur: Baroness Doreen E. Massey, United Kingdom, SOC*): considered a draft report, agreed to change the title to "Impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on children's rights", unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation with a view to presenting the report for debate during the June 2021 part-session of the Assembly, and decided to propose that Ms Henrietta H. Fore, Executive Director of UNICEF, be invited to address the Assembly during the plenary debate;
- **Middle East crisis: protect the children**: adopted a committee declaration;
- **Best interests of the child and policies to ensure a work-life balance** (*Rapporteur: Ms Françoise Hetto-Gaasch, Luxembourg, EPP/CD*): considered a preliminary draft report;
- **Health and social protection of undocumented workers** (*Rapporteur: Ms Ada Marra, Switzerland, SOC*): considered an introductory memorandum and authorised the Rapporteur to undertake a fact-finding visit (*date and place to be confirmed*);
- **Committee's work programme and priorities:**
 - appointed Committee representatives to external events, as follows:
 - ✓ 32nd meeting of the Committee of the Parties to the Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (Lanzarote Committee), 28–30 June 2021, KUDO platform: Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE) and Baroness Doreen E. Massey (United Kingdom, SOC)
 - heard back from Committee representatives to external events, as follows:
 - ✓ 3rd plenary meeting of the Steering Committee for the Rights of the Child (CDENF), 18-20 May 2021, Strasbourg and/or KUDO platform: Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE)
- **Sub-Committee on Public Health and Sustainable Development**: heard a report from Ms Jennifer De Temmerman (France, ALDE), the Sub-Committee Chairperson, on the meetings held on 26 January 2021, 9 February 2021 and 16 March 2021;
- **Other business:**
 - was informed by the Chairperson of an invitation by the Russian parliamentary delegation for the Committee to meet in Moscow (or in a hybrid Moscow/videoconference manner), and decided to thank the Russian delegation for the kind invitation, and to come back to the question at its meeting during the autumn part-session;

- was informed by Ms Jennifer De Temmerman (France, ALDE) of an invitation to a debriefing session of field visits by French parliamentarians under the theme "The French Muskoka Fund, at the heart of the health and well-being of mothers, new-borns, children, youth and adolescents in West and Central Africa: examples from Niger and Togo" which was extended to all members of the Committee;

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

Plenary Committee

- Thursday 17 June 2021 (afternoon), KUDO Platform
- June part-session 2021 of the Assembly, 21-25 June 2021, Strasbourg and KUDO Platform
- Thursday 9 September 2021, Strasbourg and KUDO Platform
- Autumn part-session 2021 of the Assembly, 27 September-1 October 2021, Strasbourg
- Wednesday 1 December 2021, Strasbourg and KUDO Platform (*to be confirmed*)

Sub-Committee on Children

- Friday, 25 June 2021 (morning), Strasbourg and KUDO Platform

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