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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 17 June 2021

The Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, meeting on Thursday, 17 June 2021, with Mr John Howell (United Kingdom, EC/DA), First Vice-Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Eradicating extreme child poverty in Europe: an international obligation and a moral duty** (*Rapporteur: Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez, Switzerland, SOC*): considered a preliminary draft report and held a public hearing with the participation of Mr Bjorn Berge, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Mr Jacques Vandenschrik, President of the European Food Banks Federation, Mr Zachary Parolin, Senior Fellow at the Center on Poverty and Social Policy of Columbia University, and Assistant Professor at Bocconi University, and Ms Lucia Ďuriš Nicholsonová (Slovak Republic, Renew Europe), Chairperson of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs of the European Parliament;
  - **Overcoming the socio-economic crisis sparked by the Covid-19 pandemic** (*Rapporteur: Mr Andrej Hunko, Germany, UEL*): considered and unanimously approved a draft addendum, including 2 amendments to the draft resolution proposed by the rapporteur, to be tabled on behalf of the Committee;
  - **Covid passes or certificates: protection of fundamental rights and legal implications** (*Rapporteur for opinion: Ms Carmen Leyte, Spain, EPP/CD*): considered and unanimously approved a draft opinion, including 5 amendments to the draft resolution;
  - **Committee's work programme and priorities**: considered a draft motion for a resolution on "Towards Council of Europe seas and oceans strategies against the climate crisis";
  - appointed rapporteurs as follows:
    - *for report*:
      - ✓ Public health emergency: the need for a holistic approach to multilateralism and health care: Ms Selin Sayek Böke (Turkey, SOC);
    - *for opinion*:
      - ✓ Precarious status of cross-border and seasonal workers in Europe: Mr Viorel-Riceard Badea (Romania, EPP/CD);
- and heard from them a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
- took note of the Committee of Ministers' reply to the Assembly's Recommendation 2174 (2020) on "Lessons for the future from an effective and rights-based response to the Covid-19 pandemic";
  - heard back from Committee representatives to external events, as follows:
    - ✓ Meeting of the Bureau of the North-South Centre, 26 March 2021, KUDO platform: Ms Emin Nur Günay (Turkey, EC/DA);
    - ✓ 4<sup>th</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, 26-28 May 2021, KUDO platform: Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE);
    - ✓ 18<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting of the Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO), 1-4 June 2021, KUDO platform: Ms Reina de Bruijn-Wezeman (Netherlands, ALDE);

- **Other business:**
- exceptionally authorised Mr Vladimir Kruglyi (Russian Federation, NR) to undertake two fact-finding visits in the framework of the preparation of his report on “Vaccine hesitancy: a major public health issue”, to WHO headquarters in Geneva, and to Denmark (including the WHO Regional Office for Europe), *subject to the availability of funds*;

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

*Plenary Committee*

- Tuesday, 22 June 2021 (2-3.30 pm), June part-session 2021 of the Assembly, meeting to be held in a hybrid manner;
- Thursday, 9 September 2021, meeting to be held in a hybrid manner;
- Autumn part-session 2021 of the Assembly, 27 September - 1 October 2021, Strasbourg;
- Wednesday, 1 December 2021, meeting to be held in a hybrid manner (*to be confirmed*);

*Sub-Committee on Children*

- Friday, 25 June 2021 (9.30 am-12 pm), meeting to be held in a hybrid manner.

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