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

Synopsis

of the meetings held in a hybrid manner on 28 & 30 September 2021

The Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, meeting on Tuesday, 28 September 2021, 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*): took position on six amendments tabled to the draft resolution and one amendment tabled to the draft recommendation;
- **Socio-economic inequalities in Europe: time to restore social trust by strengthening social rights** (*Rapporteur: Ms Selin Sayek Böke, Turkey, SOC*): took note that no amendments had been tabled to the draft resolution or to the draft recommendation, and held an exchange of views with Mr Jeffrey Sachs, Director of the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network;
- **Committee's work programme and priorities:**
- appointed rapporteurs as follows:
 - *for report:*
 - ✓ Towards Council of Europe seas and oceans strategies against the climate crisis: Ms Yuliia Ovchynnykova (Ukraine, ALDE)
 - *for opinion:*
 - ✓ Preventing vaccine discrimination: Ms Carmen Leyte (Spain, EPP/CD)
- and heard from Ms Ovchynnykova a declaration of absence of conflict of interest.
- appointed Committee representatives to external events, as follows (*subject to the availability of funds*):
 - ✓ 34th meeting of the Committee of the Parties to the Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (Lanzarote Committee), 4-7 October 2021, KUDO Platform; Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE) and Ms Diana Stoica (Romania, ALDE)
 - ✓ Meeting of the Bureau of the Executive Committee of the North-South Centre, 8 October 2021, KUDO Platform: Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC)
 - ✓ 4th plenary meeting of the Steering Committee for the Rights of the Child (CDENF), 13-15 October 2021, KUDO Platform: Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE)
 - ✓ 6th meeting of the European Stakeholders' Platform of the Strategy for Innovation and Good Governance at Local Level, 15 October 2021, Hybrid meeting: Ms Sibel Arslan (Switzerland, SOC)
 - ✓ High-level International Conference on Progress towards meaningful child participation in decision-making at all levels: a multi-stakeholder dialogue, 21 October 2021, online: Baroness Doreen E. Massey (United Kingdom, SOC), Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE) and Ms Diana Stoica (Romania, ALDE)
 - ✓ 41st session of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, 26-28 October 2021, Strasbourg: Ms Sibel Arslan (Switzerland, SOC) and Ms Diana Stoica (Romania, ALDE)
 - ✓ United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26), 1-12 November 2021, Glasgow, United Kingdom (participation limited to three days), including the Parliamentary Meeting organised by the IPU, 7 November 2021: Mr Simon Moutquin (Belgium, SOC)
 - ✓ 14th plenary meeting of the European Committee on Democracy and Governance (CDDG), 29-30 November 2021, KUDO Platform: Ms Sibel Arslan (Switzerland, SOC)

- ✓ 35th meeting of the Committee of the Parties to the Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (Lanzarote Committee), 29 November-3 December 2021, KUDO Platform: Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE) and Ms Diana Stoica (Romania, ALDE)
- considered and unanimously approved a draft motion for a resolution on “Right of the child to protection while using the internet” for tabling on behalf of the Committee;
- **Anchoring the right to a healthy environment: need for enhanced action by the Council of Europe** (*Rapporteur: Mr Simon Moutquin, Belgium, SOC*): took note that no amendments had been tabled to the draft resolution or to the draft recommendation;
- **Best interests of the child and policies to ensure a work-life balance** (*Rapporteur: Ms Françoise Hetto-Gaasch, Luxembourg, EPP/CD*): 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 meeting of the Standing Committee on 26 November 2021;
- **Involuntary addiction to prescription medicines** (*Rapporteur: Mr Joseph O’Reilly, Ireland, EPP/CD*): considered a preliminary draft report and decided to change the title of the report to “Addiction to prescription medicines”;
- **Vaccine hesitancy: a major public health issue** (*Rapporteur: Mr Vladimir Kruglyi, Russian Federation, NR*): considered a preliminary draft report;
- **Other business:**
- considered the invitation of the Duma of the Russian Federation to hold the committee’s meeting of 1 December 2021 in Moscow, and was informed by the Chairperson that he would submit a request to the Bureau for authorisation to hold the meeting in Moscow, recommending authorisation subject to the availability of funds, sanitary conditions permitting and entry to the Russian Federation being granted to all Committee members wishing to participate in the meeting;
- **Date and place of next meetings:**
 - Plenary committee**
 - Wednesday, 1 December 2021, Moscow, Russian Federation (*subject to authorisation by the Bureau and the availability of funds*) OR to be held in a hybrid manner (Strasbourg/KUDO Platform)
 - January Part-Session 2022 of the Assembly, 24-28 January 2022, Strasbourg (*place and date to be confirmed*)
 - Sub-Committee on Children**
 - November 2021, meeting to be held in a hybrid manner (Strasbourg/KUDO Platform) (*date to be decided*)
 - January Part-Session 2022 of the Assembly, 24-28 January 2022, Strasbourg (*place and date to be confirmed*)
 - Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter**
 - January Part-Session 2022 of the Assembly, 24-28 January 2022, Strasbourg (*place and date to be confirmed*)
 - Sub-Committee on Public Health and Sustainable Development**
 - January Part-Session 2022 of the Assembly, 24-28 January 2022, Strasbourg (*place and date to be confirmed*)

The Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize, meeting in Strasbourg on 30 September 2021, with Mr Kęstutis Masiulis (Lithuania, EPP/CD), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee:

- held the virtual presentation ceremony of the 2020 and 2021 European Diplomas, awarded to 18 cities (twelve in 2020 and six in 2021);

– ***Date and place of the next meetings:***

- January part-Session 2022 of the Assembly, 24-28 January 2022, Strasbourg (*place and date to be confirmed*)
- April part-session 2022 of the Assembly, 25-29 April 2022, Strasbourg (*place and date to be confirmed*)

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