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

### Synopsis of the meeting held in a hybrid manner on 1 December 2021

The Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, meeting on **Wednesday, 1 December 2021**, with first Ms Edite Estrela (Portugal, SOC) Second Vice-Chairperson, and Mr Andrej Hunko (Germany, UEL), Third Vice-Chairperson, in the Chair, then Mr Luís Leite Ramos (Portugal, EPP/CD), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **The Covid-19 situation:** unanimously adopted a Committee declaration;
- **Addiction to prescribed medicines** (*Rapporteur: Mr Joseph O'Reilly, Ireland, EPP/CD*): heard a report back from the rapporteur on his fact-finding visit to Denmark, approved the proposed change in the title of the report, considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation with a view to presenting the report for debate during the meeting of the Assembly's Standing Committee on 11 March 2022;
- **Inaction on climate change – a violation of children's rights** (*Rapporteur: Ms Jennifer De Temmerman, France, ALDE*): in the absence of the Rapporteur, heard a video message from the Rapporteur presenting the draft report, considered the draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution as amended and a draft recommendation, with a view to presenting the report for a joint debate with the report "The right to be heard: child participation, a foundation for democratic societies" during the January 2022 part-session of the Assembly;
- **The right to be heard: child participation, a foundation for democratic societies** (*Rapporteur: Baroness Doreen E. Massey, United Kingdom, SOC*): in the absence of the Rapporteur, heard a message from the Rapporteur presenting the draft report, authorised the Rapporteur to add additional information to the explanatory memorandum after the meeting, in order to reflect the outcomes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee on Children on 22 November 2021, approved the proposed change in the title of the report, considered the draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation with a view to presenting the report for a joint debate with the report "Inaction on climate change – a violation of children's rights" during the January 2022 part session of the Assembly;
- **The climate crisis and the rule of law** (*former Rapporteur: Ms Edite Estrela, Portugal, SOC*): as a follow-up to Resolution 2399 (2021), unanimously adopted the terms of reference of the Network of Contact Parliamentarians for a healthy environment, for submission to the Bureau of the Assembly;
- **Committee's work programme and priorities:**

heard a declaration of absence of conflict of interest from Ms Carmen Leyte (Spain, EPP/CD), who had been appointed as rapporteur for opinion on "Preventing vaccine discrimination" at the meeting held on 28 September 2021;

  - considered and unanimously approved a draft motion for a resolution on "Long Covid and access to the right to health" for tabling on behalf of the Committee;
  - appointed Committee representatives to external events, as follows (*subject to the availability of funds*):
    - ✓ Parliamentarians for Children: Taking stock of collaboration, progress, and new opportunities to promote and protect children and youth, consultation organised by the UNICEF Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia (ECARO), 14 December 2021, Online: Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva (Azerbaijan, EC/DA)
    - ✓ International conference on the roles of women and children in terrorism, organised by the Council of Europe Committee on Counter-Terrorism (CDCT), 15-16 December 2021, Strasbourg: Ms Sevinj

Fataliyeva (Azerbaijan, EC/DA), Mr Luís Leite Ramos (Portugal, EPP/CD) and Mr Stefan Schennach, (Austria, SOC)

- **For an assessment of the means and provisions to combat children's exposure to pornographic content** (*Rapporteur: Mr Dimitri Houbbron, France, ALDE*): held an exchange of views with the participation of:
  - ✓ Mr John Carr, expert on internet safety and security
  - ✓ Ms Julie Miville-Dechêne, Senator, Senate of Canada
  - ✓ Mr Iain Corby, Executive Director, The Age Verification Providers Association
- **Deinstitutionalisation of persons with disabilities** (*Rapporteur: Ms Reina de Bruijn-Wezeman, Netherlands, ALDE*): considered and agreed to declassify a preliminary draft report;
- **Securing safe medical supply chains** (*Rapporteur: Ms Jennifer De Temmerman, France, ALDE*): in the absence of the Rapporteur, considered an introductory memorandum;
- **The future of work is here: revisiting labour rights** (*Rapporteur: Ms Selin Sayek Böke, Turkey, SOC*): considered an introductory memorandum and authorised the rapporteur to carry out a fact-finding visit to the headquarters of the International Labour Organisation in Geneva;
- **Changes in Sub-Committees: approved the following changes:**
  - Sub-Committee on Children**
    - ✓ Mr Armen Gevorgyan (Armenia, NR) became a full member
  - Sub-Committee on Public Health and Sustainable Development**
    - ✓ Mr Armen Gevorgyan (Armenia, NR) became a full member
- **Sub-Committee on Children:** heard a statement from the Sub-Committee Chairperson on the meeting held in a hybrid manner on 22 November 2021;
- **Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize:** heard a statement from the Sub-Committee Chairperson on the meetings held on 23-24 September 2021 in Khmelnytskyi, Ukraine, and on 30 September 2021 in a hybrid manner;
- **Committee's work programme and priorities:**
- heard back from Committee representatives to external events, as follows:
  - ✓ 33<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Committee of the Parties to the Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (Lanzarote Committee), 21-22 September 2021, KUDO platform: Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE)
  - ✓ General Assembly and Youth Meeting 2021, Association of Towns Awarded the Europe Prize, 21-22 September 2021, Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine: Mr Kęstutis Masiulis (Lithuania, EPP/CD)
  - ✓ 34<sup>th</sup> 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)
  - ✓ Meeting of the Bureau of the Executive Committee of the North-South Centre, 8 October 2021, KUDO Platform: Mr Luís Leite Ramos (Portugal, EPP/CD)
  - ✓ Pre COP26 meetings, 8-9 October 2021, Rome, Italy: Mr Simon Moutquin (Belgium, SOC)
  - ✓ 4<sup>th</sup> 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)
  - ✓ High-level International Conference on Progress towards meaningful child participation in decision-making at all levels: a multi-stakeholder dialogue, 21 October 2021, online: Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE)
  - ✓ United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26), 1-12 November 2021, Glasgow, United Kingdom, including the Parliamentary Meeting organised by the IPU, 7 November 2021: Mr Simon Moutquin (Belgium, SOC)

- ✓ 19<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting of the Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO), 2-5 November 2021: Ms Reina de Bruijn-Wezeman (Netherlands, ALDE)
- ✓ International Conference: "Universal Health Coverage & Sustainable Development Goals" co-organised by the Interparliamentary Assembly of Member Nations of the Commonwealth of Independent States & the Regional Office for Europe of the World Health Organization, 25 November 2021, Saint-Petersburg, Russian Federation: Mr Vladimir Kruglyi (Russian Federation, NR)

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

**Plenary committee**

- January part-session 2022 of the Assembly, 24-28 January 2022, to be held in a hybrid manner (Strasbourg/KUDO Platform)
- Thursday, 17 March 2022, Paris (Council of Europe Office) (*place to be confirmed*)
- April part-session 2022 of the Assembly, 25-29 April 2022, Strasbourg
- Monday and Tuesday, 16 and 17 May 2022, Paris (Council of Europe Office) (*place to be confirmed*)
- June part-session 2022 of the Assembly, 20-24 June 2022, Strasbourg
- Thursday 22 September 2022, Paris (Council of Europe Office) (*place to be confirmed*)
- Autumn part-session 2022 of the Assembly, 10-14 October 2022, Strasbourg
- Friday, 2 December 2022, Paris (Council of Europe Office) (*place to be confirmed*)

**Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize**

- January part-session 2022 of the Assembly, 24-28 January 2022, meeting to be held in a hybrid manner (Strasbourg/KUDO Platform) (*date to be confirmed*)
- April part-session 2022 of the Assembly, 25-29 April 2022, Strasbourg (*date to be confirmed*)

**Sub-Committee on Children**

- January part-session 2022 of the Assembly, 24-28 January 2022, meeting to be held in a hybrid manner (Strasbourg/KUDO Platform) (*date to be confirmed*)

**Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter**

- January part-session 2022 of the Assembly, 24-28 January 2022, meeting to be held in a hybrid manner (Strasbourg/KUDO Platform) (*date to be confirmed*)

**Sub-Committee on Public Health and Sustainable Development**

- January part-session 2022 of the Assembly, 24-28 January 2022, meeting to be held in a hybrid manner (Strasbourg/KUDO Platform) (*date to be confirmed*)

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