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To the members of the Sub-Committee on Public Health and Sustainable Development

Synopsis

of the meeting held by videoconference on 18 January 2021

The Sub-Committee on Public Health and Sustainable Development, meeting by videoconference on Monday, 18 January 2020, from 9:30 am to 12 noon, with Ms Jennifer De Temmerman (France, ALDE), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Representative democracy against global warming:** held a public hearing organised as part of the contribution of the Parliamentary Assembly (PACE) and the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities to the 9th Edition of the World Forum for Democracy “Can Democracy Save the Environment?” with the participation of:

Opening remarks by

- ✓ Ms Jennifer De Temmerman, Chairperson of the Sub-Committee (France, ALDE)
- ✓ Ms Gunn Marit Helgesen, Vice-President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities (Norway, EPP/CCE)
- ✓ Mr Andreas Nick, Vice-Chairperson of PACE (Germany, EPP/CD)

Session 1: Elected to save the planet: The role and responsibility of elected representatives in combating climate change

Moderator: Ms Edite Estrela, PACE Rapporteur on “The climate crisis and the rule of law” (Portugal, SOC)

- ✓ Ms Jennifer De Temmerman, Chairperson of the Sub-Committee and Rapporteur on “Inaction on climate change – a violation of children’s rights” (France, ALDE)
- ✓ Ms Gunn Marit Helgesen, Vice-President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, Vice-President of the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CRPM), Co-President of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR), First Vice-President of the Norwegian Association of Local and Regional Authorities (Norway, EPP/CCE)
- ✓ Mr George Papandreou, PACE Rapporteur on “More participatory democracy to tackle climate change” (Greece, SOC)
- ✓ Mr Magnus Berntsson, President of the Assembly of European Regions, Vice-president of the Regional Council and Regional Minister for the Environment of the Västra Götaland Region (Sweden, EPP/CCE)

The World Forum for Democracy’s “Deliberative Democracy for Climate” Campaign

- ✓ Ms Mary Ann Hennessey, Head of the Division for Democratic Innovation of the Council of Europe

Session 2: Turning words into deeds: challenges and opportunities of linking global, regional, national and local action

Moderator: Mr Vladimir Prebilic, Spokesperson of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities on Climate Change and Environment (Slovenia, SOC/G/PD)

- ✓ Mr Simon Moutquin, PACE Rapporteur on “Anchoring the right to a healthy environment: need for enhanced action by the Council of Europe” (Belgium, SOC)
- ✓ Mr José Manuel Fernandes, member of the European Parliament and Vice-Chair of the Intergroup “Green New Deal” (Portugal, EPP)

- ✓ Ms Belinda Gottardi, member of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, CEMR Spokesperson on Climate, Administrator – Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy – Europe (Italy, SOC/G/PD)
- ✓ Mr Mohamed Boudra, President of Local and City Governments United (CGLU), Mayor of Al Hoceima, President of the Moroccan Association of Local Council Presidents (AMPCC), Deputy Head of the Moroccan Delegation to the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities (Morocco, NR)
- ✓ Ms Sibel Arslan, PACE General Rapporteur on Local and Regional Authorities (Switzerland, SOC)

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

- January part-session 2021 of the Assembly, Tuesday 26 January 2021, 3 to 3.15 pm, room 7 & KUDO platform
- Tuesday 9 February 2021, 2 to 4.30 pm, KUDO Platform

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