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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 9 February 2021

The Sub-Committee on Public Health and Sustainable Development, meeting by videoconference on Tuesday, 9 February 2021, from 2 to 4.30 pm, with Ms Jennifer De Temmerman (France, ALDE), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Overcoming vaccine hesitancy - strategies for parliaments and parliamentarians:** held a public hearing moderated by Mr Jim Gibbons, journalist, with the participation of:

#### Opening remarks by

- ✓ Ms Jennifer De Temmerman, Chairperson of the Sub-Committee and PACE Rapporteur on “Covid-19 vaccines: ethical, legal and practical considerations”

#### Session 1: Vaccine hesitancy

- ✓ Mr Vladimir Kruglyi, PACE Rapporteur on “Vaccine hesitancy: a major public health issue”
- ✓ Ms Lisa Menning, Team Lead (acting), Demand and Behavioural Sciences, Department of Immunization, Vaccines and Biologicals, World Health Organization
- ✓ Ms Dolores Utrilla, Associate Professor of Public Law at the University of Castilla-La Mancha, Spain / Assistant Editor at EU Law Live

#### Session 2: Gender-neutral HPV vaccination

- ✓ Ms Petra Bayr, Chairperson of the European Parliamentary Forum for Sexual & Reproductive Rights (EPF) & Chairperson of the PACE Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination
- ✓ Mr Neil Datta, Secretary of the European Parliamentary Forum for Sexual & Reproductive Rights (EPF)
- ✓ Ms Janne Bigaard, *Kræftens Bekæmpelse* (Danish Cancer Society)

#### Session 3: Hesitancy towards Covid-19 vaccines

- ✓ Ms Jennifer De Temmerman, Chairperson of the Sub-Committee and PACE Rapporteur on “Covid-19 vaccines: ethical, legal and practical considerations”
- ✓ Mr Robert Kanwagi, World Vision programme co-ordinator for Ebola Vaccine Deployment, Acceptance and Compliance (EBODAC) and Civil Society Organisation Representative to the COVAX Demand working group
- ✓ Ms Laurence Lwoff, Head of the Bioethics Unit of the Council of Europe

#### Concluding remarks:

- ✓ Mr Luís Leite Ramos, Chairperson of the PACE Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development
- ✓ Ms Petra Bayr, Chairperson of the PACE Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

- **Date and place of next meeting**

- Tuesday, 16 March 2021, 9.30-9.45 am, KUDO Platform

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