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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 17 March 2022

The Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, meeting in a hybrid manner, on Thursday, 17 March 2022, with Ms Selin Sayek Böke (Turkey, SOC), 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 draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation, with a view to presenting the report for debate during the April 2022 part-session of the Assembly;
- ***Deinstitutionalisation of persons with disabilities*** (*Rapporteur: Ms Reina de Bruijn-Wezeman, Netherlands, ALDE*): 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 April 2022 part-session of the Assembly;
- ***For an assessment of the means and provisions to combat children's exposure to pornographic content*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Dimitri Houbroun, France, ALDE*): 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 April 2022 part-session of the Assembly;
- ***Committee's work programme and priorities:***
  - considered and unanimously approved draft motions for a resolution on “Children in the world of work: eradicating harmful child labour” on “Detention of the “socially maladjusted”” for tabling on behalf of the Committee;
  - appointed a rapporteur *for report* as follows:
    - ✓ Vaccine hesitancy: a major public issue: Ms Carmen Leyte (Spain, EPP/CD)and heard from her a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
  - issued a call for rapporteurs *for report* (to be appointed at a subsequent meeting) as follows:
    - ✓ Right of the child to protection while using the internet
    - ✓ Child abuse in Europe: addressing, compensation and prevention
    - ✓ Political strategies to face the consequences of natural disasters
    - ✓ “Long Covid” and access to the right to health
- appointed Committee representatives to external events, as follows (*subject to the availability of funds*):
  - ✓ 42<sup>nd</sup> session of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, 22-24 March 2022, Strasbourg/hybrid: Baroness Doreen E. Massey (United Kingdom, SOC) and Ms Sibel Arslan (Switzerland, SOC)
  - ✓ Meeting of the EloGE Accreditation Platform, 25 March 2022, Strasbourg/hybrid: Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE) and Ms Sibel Arslan (Switzerland, SOC)
  - ✓ 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Drafting Group on Human Rights and Environment (CDDH-ENV), 6-8 April 2022, Strasbourg/hybrid: Mr Simon Moutquin (Belgium, SOC)
  - ✓ High-Level Launching Conference for the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child 2022-2027, 7-8 April 2022, Rome: Ms Jennifer De Temmerman (France, ALDE)

- ✓ 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of the European Committee on Democracy and Governance (CDDG), 21-22 April 2022, Strasbourg/hybrid: Ms Sibel Arslan (Switzerland, SOC), Ms Diana Stoica (Romania, ALDE) and Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE)
- ✓ 5<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting of the CDENF, 18-20 May 2022, Videoconference: Ms Diana Stoica (Romania, ALDE)
- **Institutional representation of PACE in 2022:** nominated the following Committee representatives for the European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity – Council of Europe North-South Centre for appointment by the Bureau of the Assembly:
  - ✓ Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) as representative
  - ✓ Ms Carmen Leyte (Spain, EPP/CD) as alternate
- **The future of work is here: revisiting labour rights** (*Rapporteur: Ms Selin Sayek Böke, Turkey, SOC*): authorised the rapporteur to carry out a fact-finding visit to Vienna (Austria) (*subject to the availability of funds*) and held public hearing with the participation of:
  - ✓ Mr Stijn Broecke, Senior Economist and lead of the OECD Future of Work Initiative
  - ✓ Mr Richard Samans, Director, RESEARCH Department, International Labour Organization
  - ✓ Ms Abigail Marks, Professor of Future of Work, Newcastle University Business School (United Kingdom)
- **Impact of armed conflicts on transboundary environmental damage** (*Rapporteur: Mr John Howell, United Kingdom, EC/DA*): considered an introductory memorandum and agreed to modify the title as follows: “Transboundary environmental impact of armed conflicts”;
- **Safeguarding democratic values in international trade** (*Rapporteur: Mr Geraint Davies, United Kingdom, SOC*): considered an introductory memorandum, modified the title to “Safeguarding democracy, rights and the environment in international trade”, and authorised the rapporteur to carry out a fact-finding visit to the World Trade Organisation in Geneva (*subject to the availability of funds*);
- heard back from Committee representatives to external events, as follows:
  - ✓ 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Drafting Group on Human Rights and Environment (CDDH-ENV) 26-28 January 2022, Strasbourg/hybrid: Mr Simon Moutquin (Belgium, SOC)
  - ✓ 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Committee of the Parties to the Convention Against Trafficking in Human Organs (T-TOH), 31 January 2022, online: Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE)
  - ✓ Exchange of views on human rights and the environment in the framework of the 1424<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Ministers' Deputies, 10 February 2022, Strasbourg/hybrid: Mr Simon Moutquin (Belgium, SOC)
  - ✓ 36<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Lanzarote Committee, 7-10 March 2022, KUDO Platform: Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE)
- took note of the Committee of Ministers' reply to the Assembly's Recommendation 2196 (2021) on “Impact of labour migration on left-behind children”;
- **Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize:** heard a report from Ms Carmen Leyte (Spain, EPP/CD), President of the Sub-Committee, on the meeting held on 27 January 2022;
- **Network of Contact Parliamentarians for a healthy environment:** heard a report from Mr Rik Daems (Belgium, ALDE) on the meeting held on 27 January 2022;
- **Sub-Committee on Children:** heard a report from Ms Selin Sayek Böke (Turkey, SOC), Chairperson of the Committee, on the meeting held on 17 March 2022 and supported the proposal to establish a post of General Rapporteur on child participation;
- **Date and place of next meetings:**
  - April part-session 2022 of the Assembly, 25-28 April 2022, Strasbourg
  - Wednesday, 18 May 2022, Paris (Council of Europe Office)
  - 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*)

- October 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**

- April part-session 2022 of the Assembly, 25-28 April 2022, Strasbourg (*date to be confirmed; to be held in camera*)

#### **Network of Contact Parliamentarians for a healthy environment**

- April part-session 2022 of the Assembly, 25-28 April 2022, Strasbourg
- Thursday, 19 May 2022, Paris (Council of Europe Office)
- October part-session 2022 of the Assembly, 10-14 October 2022, Strasbourg

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**The Sub-Committee on Children**, meeting in a hybrid manner on Thursday 17 March 2022, with first Ms Selin Sayek Böke (Turkey, SOC), Committee Chairperson, and then Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva (Azerbaijan, EC/DA), elected Sub-Committee Vice-Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- re-elected by acclamation Ms Martine Wonner (France, ALDE), Chairperson
- elected by acclamation Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva (Azerbaijan, EC/DA), Vice-Chairperson
- **Other business:** proposed to establish a post of General Rapporteur on child participation;
- **Date and place of the next meetings:**
  - on the occasion of the High-Level Launching Conference for the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child 2022-2027, 7-8 April 2022, Rome
  - April part-session 2022 of the Assembly, 25-28 April 2022, Strasbourg/KUDO (*date to be confirmed*)

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**The Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter**, meeting in a hybrid manner on Thursday 17 March 2022, with first Ms Selin Sayek Böke (Turkey, SOC), Committee Chairperson, and then Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE), elected Sub-Committee Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- elected by acclamation Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE), Chairperson
- re-elected by acclamation Ms Nina Kasimati (Greece, UEL) Vice-Chairperson
- **Date and place of the next meeting:** *to be decided.*

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**The Sub-Committee on the Public Health and Sustainable Development**, meeting in a hybrid manner on Thursday 17 March 2022, with Ms Selin Sayek Böke (Turkey, SOC), Committee Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- in the absence of candidates, postponed the election of the Sub-Committee's Bureau to the next meeting;
- **Date and place of the next meeting:** *to be decided.*

Tanja Kleinsorge, Aiste Ramanauskaite, Yulia Pererva, Guillaume Parent

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cc: Secretary General of the Assembly  
Director and all staff of the Secretariat of the Assembly  
Secretaries of National Delegations and of Political Groups of the Assembly  
Secretaries of observer and partner for democracy delegations  
Secretary General of the Congress  
Secretary to the Committee of Ministers  
Directors General  
Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe  
Director of the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights  
Director of Communication  
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