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

Synopsis of the meetings held in Strasbourg on 20-23 June 2022

The Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, meeting in Strasbourg, on Tuesday, 21 June 2022, with Ms Selin Sayek Böke (Türkiye, SOC), Chairperson, and Mr Alain Milon (France, EPP/CD), first Vice-President, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Protection and alternative care for unaccompanied and separated migrant and refugee children** (*Rapporteur for opinion: Ms Sibel Arslan, Switzerland, SOC*): considered and unanimously approved a draft opinion, including 5 amendments to the draft resolution;
- **Securing safe medical supply chains** (*Rapporteur: Ms Jennifer De Temmerman, France, SOC*): considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation, as amended, with a view to presenting the report for debate during the November meeting of the Standing Committee of the Assembly;
- **Public health emergency: the need for a holistic approach to multilateralism and health care** (*Rapporteur: Ms Selin Sayek Böke, Türkiye, SOC*): considered an introductory memorandum and authorised the rapporteur to carry out a fact-finding visit to WTO and WHO in Geneva (*subject to the availability of funds*);
- **Committee's work programme and priorities:**
 - considered and unanimously approved draft motions for resolutions on “Addressing the social and economic effects of sanctions” and “Child protection in competitive sports”, for tabling on behalf of the Committee;
 - appointed rapporteurs *for report* as follows:
 - ✓ Detention of the “socially maladjusted” – Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC)
 - ✓ Children in the world of work: eradicating harmful child labour – Ms Susana Sumelzo (Spain, SOC) and heard from Mr Schennach a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
 - issued a call for rapporteurs *for report* (to be appointed at a subsequent meeting) as follows:
 - ✓ Safeguarding future rights for future generations – noted the candidature of Ms Sibel Arslan, (Switzerland, SOC)
 - ✓ Analysis and guidelines for a sustainable and socially fair energy transition – noted the candidature of Mr Antón Gómez-Reino (Spain, UEL)
 - ✓ Strengthening palliative care for children – noted the candidature of Ms Romilda Baldacchino Zarb (Malta, SOC) during the meeting, and the candidatures of Ms Diana Stoica (Romania, ALDE) and Ms Zdravka Bušić (Croatia, EPP/CD) received afterwards
- appointed Mr Armen Gevorgyan (Armenia, EC/DA) as General Rapporteur on local and regional authorities and heard from him a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
- appointed Ms Lisa Marie Ness Klungland (Norway, ALDE) as the Committee's member of the Parliamentary Platform for the rights of LGBTI people in Europe;

- appointed Committee representatives to external events as follows (*subject to the availability of funds*):
 - ✓ WTO 2022 Public Forum, 27-30 September 2022, Geneva, Switzerland (*participation limited to 3 days*) – Mr Geraint Davies (United Kingdom, SOC)
 - ✓ 5th meeting of the Drafting Group on Human Rights and Environment (CDDH-ENV), 13-14 September 2022, Strasbourg – Mr Simon Moutquin (Belgium, SOC)
 - ✓ United Nations Climate Change conference – COP27, 7-18 November 2022, Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt (*participation limited to 3 days and subject to Bureau authorisation**), including the Parliamentary Meeting organised by the IPU, 13 November – Mr Rik Daems (Belgium, ALDE) and (*at no cost to the Assembly*) Ms Sibel Arslan (Switzerland, SOC), Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE), Ms Emine Nur Günay (Türkiye, NR), and Ms Agnes Mulder (Netherlands, EPP/CD)
- **World Forum for Democracy, Strasbourg, 7-9 November 2022:** proposed Ms Selin Sayek Böke (Türkiye, SOC), Ms Emine Nur Günay (Türkiye, NR), and Mr Armen Gevorgyan (Armenia, EC/DA) for appointment as members of the ad hoc Committee of the Bureau to participate in the Forum;
- **Thursday, 23 June 2022, at 8.30 am**, with Ms Selin Sayek Böke (Türkiye, SOC), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:
 - **Transboundary environmental impact of armed conflicts** (*Rapporteur: Mr John Howell, United Kingdom, EC/DA*): considered a revised introductory memorandum, decided to change the title to “Environmental impact of armed conflicts” and held an exchange of views with:
 - ✓ Ms Helen Obregón Gieseken, Legal Advisor at the Legal Division of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and a co-author of its updated Guidelines on the Protection of the Natural Environment in Armed Conflict
 - ✓ Ms Marja Lehto, Member of the UN International Law Commission and Special Rapporteur on the Protection of the Environment in Relation to Armed Conflicts
 - ✓ Ms Karen Hulme, Chair of the Specialist Group on Armed Conflict and the Environment of the IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law, professor of law at the University of Essex
 - **Committee’s work programme and priorities:**
 - heard back from the Committee representatives to external events as follows:
 - ✓ 20th meeting of the Steering Committee for Human Rights in the fields of Biomedicine and Health (CDBIO), 31 May-3 June, Strasbourg/hybrid: Ms Reina de Bruijn-Wezeman (Netherlands, ALDE) and Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE)
 - **Network of Contact Parliamentarians for a healthy environment:** heard a statement from Mr Rik Daems (Belgium, ALDE), Network Chairperson, on the meetings held in Paris on 19 May and informally in Strasbourg on 20 June;
- **Thursday, 23 June 2022, at 2 pm**, with Ms Selin Sayek Böke (Türkiye, SOC), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:
 - **Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize:** heard a statement from Ms Carmen Leyte (Spain, EPP/CD), Sub-Committee Chairperson, on the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 9 June, on the occasion of the General Assembly of the Association of Towns Awarded the Europe Prize;
 - **Sub-Committee on Children:** heard a statement from Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva (Azerbaijan, EC/DA), Sub-Committee Vice-Chairperson, on the meeting held the day before;
 - **Changes in Sub-Committees:** *approved the following changes:*
 - Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize**
 - ✓ Ms Catarina Rocha Ferreira (Portugal, EPP/CD) became a full member
 - Sub-Committee on Children**
 - ✓ Ms Catarina Rocha Ferreira (Portugal, EPP/CD) became a full member

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Sub-Committee on European Social Charter

- ✓ Mr Pedro Cegonho (Portugal, SOC) became a full member with Ms Jamila Madeira (Portugal, SOC) as his alternate

Sub-Committee on Public Health and Sustainable Development

- ✓ Mr Pedro Cegonho (Portugal, SOC) became a full member with Ms Jamila Madeira (Portugal, SOC) as his alternate
- **Václav Havel Human Rights Prize:** took note of the call for nominations for the 2022 Václav Havel Prize;
- **Fighting vaccine-preventable diseases through quality services and anti-vaccine myth-busting** (*Rapporteur: Ms Carmen Leyte, Spain, EPP/CD*): took note that no amendments had been tabled;
- **Date and place of next meetings:** welcomed the invitation to hold a meeting of the Plenary Committee and the Network of Contact Parliamentarians for a healthy environment in İzmir, Türkiye, on 22-23 September 2022 (*subject to Bureau authorisation**)

Plenary committee

- Thursday 22 and Friday 23 September 2022 (morning), İzmir (Türkiye)
- 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*)

Network of Contact Parliamentarians for a healthy environment

- Friday 23 September 2022 (afternoon), İzmir (Türkiye)
- October part-session 2022 of the Assembly, 10-14 October 2022, Strasbourg (*date to be confirmed*)

Sub-Committee on Public Health and Sustainable Development

- October part-session 2022 of the Assembly, 10-14 October 2022, Strasbourg (*date to be confirmed*)

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The Network of Contact Parliamentarians for a healthy environment, meeting informally on Monday, 20 June 2022, with Mr Rik Daems (Belgium, ALDE), Network Chairperson, in the Chair, held an exchange of views on its work programme.

The Sub-Committee on Children, meeting in Strasbourg on Wednesday, 22 June 2022, with Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva (Azerbaijan, EC/DA), Vice-Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Participation of children in the work of the Parliamentary Assembly: first results and prospects:** held a public hearing with the participation of:
 - ✓ Foróige, Youth Development Organisation, Ireland
 - ✓ Youth Council of the City of Strasbourg, France
 - ✓ The Burntwood School, London, UK – UNICEF Rights Respecting School
 - ✓ Baroness Doreen E. Massey, former Rapporteur on “The right to be heard: child participation: a foundation for democratic societies”
 - ✓ Mr Joe O’Reilly, Rapporteur on “Right of the child to protection while using the internet”
 - ✓ Mr Simon Moutquin, Rapporteur on “Taking into consideration the impact of the fight against the Covid-19 pandemic on the mental health of minors and young adults”
- **Date and place of the next meeting:** *to be confirmed*

The Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize, meeting in Strasbourg on Thursday, 23 June 2022, with Ms Carmen Leyte (Spain, EPP/CD), Sub-Committee Chairperson, in the Chair:

- held the presentation ceremony of the 2022 European Diplomas, awarded to four towns: Longwy (France), Zell-Mosel (Germany), Bornova (Türkiye) and Edirne (Türkiye);
- ***Date and place of the next meetings:***
 - Saturday, 2 July 2022, Amilly (France), 2020 Europe Prize presentation ceremony
 - Saturday, 24 September 2022, İzmir (Türkiye), 2022 Europe Prize presentation ceremony

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