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

Synopsis of the meetings held in İzmir, Türkiye on 22-24 September 2022

The Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, meeting in İzmir, Türkiye, on Thursday, 22 September 2022, with Ms Selin Sayek Böke (Türkiye, SOC), Chairperson, and Mr Alain Milon (France, EPP/CD), first Vice-Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Exchange of views with the authorities of Türkiye:** heard a welcome address delivered by Mr Ahmet Yıldız, PACE Vice-President and Head of the Turkish delegation to PACE;
- **The future of work is here: revisiting labour rights** (*Rapporteur: Ms Selin Sayek Böke, Türkiye, SOC*): held an exchange of views with Ms Karin Lukas, President of the European Committee of Social Rights (ECSR), Ms Arzu Çerkezoğlu, President of the Confederation of Progressive Trade Unions of Türkiye (DISK) and Mr Feyyaz Ünal, Head of the Youth Commission of the Turkish Enterprise and Business Confederation (TÜRKONFED), 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 October part-session of the Assembly;
- **Children in the world of work: eradicating harmful child labour** (*Rapporteur: Ms Susana Sumelzo, Spain, SOC*): in the absence of the Rapporteur, considered an introductory memorandum and held an exchange of views with Mr Nejat Kocabay, ILO (Türkiye Office) Child Labour Program, Senior Program Co-ordinator;
- **The European Social Charter: conclusions for 2020-21 and reform process:** held an exchange of views with Ms Karin Lukas, President of the ECSR;
- **Political strategies to face the consequences of natural disasters** (*Rapporteur: Mr Simon Moutquin, Belgium, SOC*): considered an introductory memorandum, modified the title to read “Political strategies to prevent, prepare for, and face the consequences of natural disasters”, authorised the rapporteur to carry out a fact-finding visit to Germany (*subject to the availability of funds*); and held an exchange of views with Mr Taner Yüzgeç, President, Chamber of Civil Engineers (Türkiye), and Mr Erdem Canbay, Professor and Chair of the Civil Engineering Department of Middle East Technical University (METU, Türkiye);
- **Towards Council of Europe seas and oceans strategies against the climate crisis** (*Rapporteur: Ms Yuliia Ovchynnykova, Ukraine, ALDE*): considered an introductory memorandum, authorised the rapporteur to carry out a fact-finding visit to the International Maritime Organization (United Kingdom) (*subject to the availability of funds*) and held an exchange of views with Mr Bayram Öztürk, Head of Department of Marine Biology, Istanbul University (Türkiye);
- **Other business:** carried out a field visit on the issue of ship-dismantling, public health and the environment, and held an exchange of views with Mr Tunç Soyer, Mayor of İzmir (Türkiye), Mr Aykut Aydemir, Secretary General, İzmir Union of Chamber of Turkish Engineers and Architects (TMMOB), Mr Fahri Yüce Ayhan, Board Member of the İzmir Medical Chamber, and Mr Özkan Yücel, President, İzmir Bar Association;
- **Friday, 23 September 2022, at 9.30 am,** with Ms Selin Sayek Böke (Türkiye, SOC), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:
 - **Public health emergency: the need for a holistic approach to multilateralism and health care** (*Rapporteur: Ms Selin Sayek Böke, Türkiye, SOC*): considered a revised introductory memorandum and

held a public hearing with Ms Nuriye Ortaylı, Public Health Expert (Türkiye) and Mr Kayıhan Pala, Professor of Public Health at Bursa Uludağ University Faculty of Medicine (Türkiye);

- **Preventing vaccine discrimination** (*Rapporteur for opinion: Ms Carmen Leyte (Spain, EPP/CD)*): considered, amended and unanimously approved a draft opinion, including 9 amendments to the draft resolution;
- **Preventing addictive behaviours in children** (*Rapporteur: Ms Diana Stoica, Romania, ALDE*): considered an introductory memorandum and authorised the Rapporteur's fact-finding visit to Ireland (*subject to the availability of funds*);
- **Committee's work programme and priorities:**
- appointed rapporteurs *for report* as follows:
 - ✓ Safeguarding future rights for future generations – Mr Pedro Cegonho (Portugal, SOC)
 - ✓ Analysis and guidelines for a sustainable and socially fair energy transition – Mr Antón Gómez-Reino (Spain, UEL)

and heard from them a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;

- took note of the candidature of Baroness Doreen E. Massey (SOC, United Kingdom) for the post of General Rapporteur on child participation;
- appointed Committee representatives to external events as follows (*subject to the availability of funds*):
 - ✓ 9th Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference on “Education for Circular Economy/Sustainable Infrastructure, Sustainable Tourism and Education for Sustainable Development”, 5-7 October, Nicosia, Cyprus – Mr Rik Daems (Belgium, ALDE), Chairperson of the Network of Contact Parliamentarians for a healthy environment, and Ms Diana Stoica (Romania, ALDE) *at no cost to the Assembly*
 - ✓ World Health Summit, 16-18 October, Berlin – Ms Selin Sayek Böke (Türkiye, SOC), and Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE) *at no cost to the Assembly*
 - ✓ Meeting of the Bureau of the North-South Centre, 17 October, online and in Lisbon, and the Award Ceremony of the North-South Prize of the Council of Europe, 18 October, Lisbon – Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC)
 - ✓ 43rd Session of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, 25-27 October, Strasbourg – Mr Armen Gevorgyan (Armenia, EC/DA), General Rapporteur on local and regional authorities
 - ✓ 17th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport, 26 October, Antalya, Türkiye – Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva (Azerbaijan, EC/DA) *at no cost to the Assembly*
 - ✓ 2nd meeting of the Steering Committee for Human Rights in the fields of Biomedicine and Health (CDBIO), 2-4 November, Strasbourg – Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC), as well as Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE) and Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC) *at no cost to the Assembly*
 - ✓ 6th meeting of the Steering Committee for the Rights of the Child (CDENF), 14-16 November, Strasbourg/online (tbc) – Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva (Azerbaijan, EC/DA), as well as Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE) *at no cost to the Assembly* and, if the meeting is held online, Ms Diana Stoica (Romania, ALDE) *at no cost to the Assembly*
 - ✓ 16th meeting of the European Committee on Democracy and Governance (CDDG), 28-29 November, Strasbourg/online (tbc) – Mr Armen Gevorgyan (Armenia, EC/DA)
- heard back from the Committee representatives to external events as follows:
 - ✓ 5th plenary meeting of the CDENF, 4-6 July, online: Ms Diana Stoica (Romania, ALDE)
 - ✓ 5th meeting of the Drafting Group on Human Rights and Environment (CDDH-ENV), 13-14 September, Strasbourg: Mr Simon Moutquin (Belgium, SOC), and held an exchange of views on the way forward
- took note of the Committee of Ministers' replies to the Assembly's Recommendation 2210 (2021) on “Socio-economic inequalities in Europe: time to restore social trust by strengthening social rights”, Recommendation 2216 (2021) on “Best interests of the child and policies to ensure a work-life”, and Recommendation 2219 (2022) on “Inaction on climate change – A violation of children's rights”;

- **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 2 July on the occasion of the presentation of the 2020 Europe Prize to the town of Amilly (France);
- **Changes in Sub-Committees:** *approved the following changes:*
 - Sub-Committee on Children:** Ms Zdravka Bušić (Croatia, EPP/CD) became a full member
 - Sub-Committee on European Social Charter:** Ms Zdravka Bušić (Croatia, EPP/CD) left this Sub-Committee
- heard a statement by Mr Armen Gevorgyan (Armenia, EC/DA), General Rapporteur on local and regional authorities, on his priorities;
- **Date and place of next meetings:**
 - Plenary committee**
 - Fourth part-session 2022 of the Assembly, 10-14 October 2022, Strasbourg
 - Friday, 2 December 2022, Paris (Council of Europe Office)
 - Sub-Committee on Public Health and Sustainable Development**
 - Fourth part-session 2022 of the Assembly, 10-14 October 2022, Strasbourg
 - Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter**
 - Friday, 2 December 2022, Paris (Council of Europe Office)

The Network of Contact Parliamentarians for a healthy environment, meeting on Friday, 23 September 2022, with Mr Rik Daems (Belgium, ALDE), Network Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Mitigating the climate crisis: municipal action for the sustainability of energy and water supplies:** held an exchange of views with:
 - ✓ Mr Tunç Soyer, Mayor of İzmir (Türkiye)
 - ✓ Mr Utku Gümrükçü, Mayor of Çiğli (Türkiye)
 - ✓ Mr Cemil Tugay, Mayor of Karşıyaka (Türkiye)
- **Public governance of environmental policies: interplay between local authorities and national parliaments:** held an exchange of views with:
 - ✓ Mr Cemal Bas, Thematic Spokesperson on Environment and Climate of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe
 - ✓ Mr Yunus Arikan, Director of Global Advocacy, ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability
 - ✓ Mr Baran Bozoğlu, Chair of Climate Policies and Research Association & Deputy Director of Water and Sewerage Administration, Ankara Municipality (Türkiye)
- held an exchange of views on the plans for a future Network meeting in Morocco and the contribution of members to forthcoming events;

Date and place of the next meetings:

- Fourth part-session 2022 of the Assembly, Wednesday, 12 October 2022, 2-3.30 pm, Strasbourg
- Monday 21 and Tuesday 22 November, Morocco (*date and place to be confirmed; subject to the authorisation of the Bureau*)
- First part-session 2023 of the Assembly, 23-27 January 2023, Strasbourg

The Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize, meeting in İzmir (Türkiye) on Saturday, 24 September 2022, with Ms Carmen Leyte (Spain, EPP/CD), Sub-Committee Chairperson, in the Chair:

- Participated in the presentation ceremony of the 2022 Europe Prize to the city of İzmir (Türkiye) and heard the speeches of Ms Despina Chatzivassiliou-Tsovilis, Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly, Ms Selin Sayek Böke, Chairperson of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, Ms Carmen Leyte, Chairperson of the Sub-Committee the Europe Prize and Mr Tunç Soyer, Mayor of İzmir;
- ***Date and place of the next meeting:*** first part-session 2023 of the Assembly, 23-27 January 2023, Strasbourg

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