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

Synopsis
of the meeting held in Strasbourg during the third part session 2026

The Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, meeting in Strasbourg, on:

- **Tuesday, 23 June 2026, at 8.30 am**, with Ms Danuta Jazłowiecka (Poland, EPP/CD), oldest member present, in the Chair, as regards:

– ***Violent pornography: a test for human rights*** *(Rapporteur for opinion: Mr Joseph O'Reilly, Ireland, EPP/CD):* considered and approved a draft opinion, as amended;

– ***Access of migrants and refugees to healthcare*** *(Rapporteur for opinion: Ms Yuliia Ovchynnykova, Ukraine, ALDE):* considered and approved a draft opinion;

- **Tuesday, 23 June 2026, at 9.15 am**, with Ms Carmen Leyte (Spain, EPP/CD), first Vice-Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

– ***Veterans with disabilities*** *(joint meeting with the Sub-Committee on Disability, Multiple and Intersectional Discrimination (of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination)):* held a hearing with:
  - ✓ Ms Nataliia Kalmykova, Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Ukraine (online),
  - ✓ Mr Ruslan Topchan, Veteran, veterans affairs expert at the National Assembly of People with Disabilities of Ukraine,
  - ✓ Ms Kateryna Pryimak, Co-founder and leader of Veteranka, Ukraine,
  - ✓ Ms Olga Rudneva, Chairperson of Superhumans, Ukraine (online),
  - ✓ Ms Dvenyslava Rymar, Veteran, military intelligence officer, Ukraine;

- **Wednesday, 24 June 2026, at 2 pm**, with Ms Saskia Kluit (Netherlands, SOC), Chairperson and Ms Carmen Leyte (Spain, EPP/CD), first Vice-Chairperson (for the item "appointment of rapporteur"), in the Chair, as regards:

– ***Ensuring sustainable food security in times of crisis: strengthening resilience and access to food*** *(Rapporteur: Ms Larysa Bilozir, Ukraine, ALDE):* took position on fourteen amendments tabled to the draft resolution, decided to submit three oral amendments and one oral sub-amendment, and asked its chairperson to propose that the amendments unanimously approved be declared adopted by the Assembly under the Rule 34.11 of the Assembly's Rules of procedure;

– ***Towards a family-friendly Europe: policy recommendations for demographic renewal*** *(Rapporteur: Mr Georgios Stamatis, Greece, EPP/CD)*: held a hearing with Cianan B. Russell, Senior Policy Officer, ILGA-Europe and authorised the rapporteur to carry out a fact-finding visit to Bocconi University in Milan (Italy);

– ***Committee's work programme and priorities:***
  – ***appointment of rapporteur***: appointed rapporteurs as follows, subject to their completion of the obligation to update their declaration of interests to include their rapporteur role, within the relevant deadline:
    - ✓ Ms Saskia Kluit (Netherlands, SOC) as rapporteur *for report* on: "Democratising the economy: a new frontier for democratic governance",

- ✓ Mr Régis Bergonzi (Monaco, ALDE) as rapporteur *for report* on "Children without identity in Europe and around the world: a crucial challenge for fundamental rights",
- ✓ Ms Aurora Floridia (Italy, SOC) as rapporteur *for report* on "Protecting lakes as natural and cultural heritage and as a strategic resource for people in the face of the triple planetary crisis",

– ***appointment Committee representatives to external events:*** appointed its representatives as follows *(subject to the availability of funds)*:

- ✓ Mr Paul Galles (Luxembourg, EPP/CD), Baroness Thérèse Coffey (United Kingdom, ECPA), Ms Aurora Floridia (Italy, SOC) and Mr Georgios Stamatis (Greece, EPP/CD) as a members of the *ad hoc* Sub-Committee to participate in the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity - COP 17, on 19-30 October 2026 (2 days maximum), in Yerevan, Armenia,
- ✓ Mr Georgios Stamatis (Greece, EPP/CD) as a member of the *ad hoc* committee of the Bureau to participate in the World Forum for Democracy, on 2-3 November 2026, in Strasbourg, France;

– ***Reports from Committee representatives to external events:*** heard back from:

- ✓ Mr Georgios Stamatis (Greece, EPP/CD) on his participation in the International Conference on Patients' Rights, on 26–27 February 2026, in Yerevan, Armenia,
- ✓ Ms Aurora Floridia (Italy, SOC) on her participation in the 1st meeting of the Steering Committee on the Environment (CDENV), on 24-25 March 2026, in Strasbourg, France,

– ***Changes in Sub-Committees:*** approved the following changes:

Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize: Ms Edina Dešić (Montenegro, EPP/CD) became alternate member for Mr Miloš Konatar (Montenegro, SOC);

– ***Other business:*** agreed to submit a request to the Bureau of the Assembly to hold meetings as follows:

- ✓ Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter on 14 October 2026 in Bern,
- ✓ Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize on 12-13 November 2026 in Reggio Emilia;

– ***Dates and places of next meetings:*** took note of the next meetings to be held as follows:

Plenary committee
- 10 September 2026, Paris office
- Fourth part-session of the Assembly, 28 September-2 October 2026, Strasbourg
- 3 December 2026, Paris office

Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize
- 2026 Europe Prize presentation ceremony in Reggio Emilia (Italy), 12-13 November 2026 (to be confirmed)

Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter
- 14 October 2026, Bern, Switzerland (to be confirmed)

Parliamentary Network for a healthy environment
- 4 December 2026, Paris office

Parliamentary Network on the situation of the children of Ukraine
- 16 September 2026, Paris office
- Fourth part-session of the Assembly, 28 September-2 October 2026, Strasbourg
- 3 November 2026, Vienna, Austria (to be confirmed)
- 4 December 2026, Paris office

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The Parliamentary Network on the situation of the children of Ukraine, meeting in Strasbourg **on Tuesday 23 June 2026, at 1 pm**, with first Ms Miapetra Kumpula-Natri (Finland, SOC), Network Vice-Chairperson, and then Ms Carla Moonen (Netherlands, ALDE), oldest member present, in the Chair, as regards:

– ***Accountability of the Russian Federation for Crimes Committed against Ukrainian Children:*** held a hearing with:

- ✓ Ms Céline Bardet, President of *We Are NOT Weapons of War*, International Lawyer and Expert on War Crimes, Justice and Security,
- ✓ Ms Elīna Šteinerte, OSCE Moscow Mechanism expert for missions (2023, 2024 and 2026); international human rights expert (online),

- ✓ Ms Onysiia Syniuk, Head of the Research Department, Human Rights Centre ZMINA, Ukraine (online);

– ***Dates and places of nexts meetings:*** took note of the proposal to organise a field visit at the "Maramureș for Peace" international camp for children from Ukraine affected by the war, which could be held between 7-13 August 2026, in Oncești, Maramureș county, Romania (subject to the authorisation of the Bureau of the Assembly) and took note of the next meeting: 16 September 2026, Paris office (to be confirmed).

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The Parliamentary Network for a healthy environment, meeting in Strasbourg **on Thursday 25 June 2026, at 1 pm**, with Ms Aurora Floridia (Italy, SOC), Network Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

– ***Follow-up to the 5 June Athens Network meeting:*** heard a statement by the Chairperson and held a discussion;

– ***Campaign for the recognition of the right to a healthy environment: recent developments and future action:*** held an exchange of views with Ms Sumeyra Arslan, climate engagement and policy advisor at Child Rights International Network (CRIN);

– ***Advancing the Right to Food in member States:*** held a hearing with:

- ✓ Mr Juan Echanove, Right to Food Team Lead, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO),
- ✓ Dr Christophe Golay, Director of FIAN Switzerland, former Senior Research Fellow at the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights (2008–2025) and expert on the right to food;

– ***Date and place of next meeting:*** 4 December 2026, Paris office.

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The Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize, meeting in Strasbourg **on Thursday 25 June 2026, at 2 pm,** with Mr Miloš Konatar (Montenegro, SOC), Sub-Committee Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

– ***Presentation ceremony of the 2026 European Diplomas in the presence of Ms Catherine Trautmann, Mayor of Strasbourg and President of the Eurometropole of Strasbourg:*** awarded the 2026 European Diploma to Hagen am Teutoburger Wald, Illingen, Lauffen am Neckar, Saarlouis (Germany), Ardea, Ricaldone, Rosignano Monferrato (Italy), Berane, Bijelo polje, Petnjica, Podgorica, (Montenegro), Marmaris (Türkiye);

– ***Date and place of the next meetings*****:** 2026 Europe Prize presentation ceremony in Reggio Emilia (Italy), 12-13 November 2026 (to be confirmed).

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