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To the members of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

Revised synopsis

of the meeting held in Paris on 5 December 2024

The Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, meeting in Paris on 5 December 2024, with Ms Petra Bayr (Austria, SOC), in the Chair, as regards:

- **Overcoming age-based discrimination against older persons** (*Rapporteur: Ms Andrea Eder-Gitschthaler, Austria, EPP/CD*): considered and approved a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation;
- **Activities of the Parliamentary Platform for the rights of LGBTI people in Europe**: heard a statement by Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo (Monaco, ALDE), General Rapporteur on the rights of LGBTI people, on the Conference “Addressing violence and discrimination against LBQ women in Europe” (Strasbourg, 4 December 2024), Intersex awareness day (26 October), Trans Day of Remembrance (20 November), the ILGA Europe Annual Conference (Bucharest, 18-19 October 2024), and the European and Central Asian Trans Council organised by Transgender Europe (TGEU) (Malta, 21-24 November 2024);
- **Enhancing co-operation between parliaments and equality bodies** (*Rapporteur: Ms Tuula Haatainen, Finland, SOC*): approved a questionnaire to be sent to the national parliaments of the Council of Europe member States, authorised the rapporteur to carry out fact-finding visits to Portugal and Hungary and held a hearing with the participation of:
 - Ms Guri Hestflått Gabrielsen, Human Rights Policy Director, Norwegian Equality and Anti-Discrimination Ombud;
 - Ms Claire Hasenfratz, Legal officer, Non-discrimination Unit, European Commission (*online*);
- **For a ban on so-called conversion therapies** (*Rapporteur: Ms Kate Osborne, United Kingdom, SOC*): authorised the rapporteur to carry out fact-finding visits to Italy and Malta, and held a hearing with the participation of:
 - Mx Cianán B. Russell, Senior Policy Officer, ILGA-Europe;
 - Ms Lenna Cumberbatch, Co-Chair of Galop, National Helpline for LGBT+ Victims and Survivors of Abuse and Violence (United Kingdom);
- held a joint meeting with the Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence in the framework of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and 16 Days of Activism against gender-based violence (25 November-10 December), as regards:
 - **Activities of the Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence**: heard a communication from Ms Petra Bayr (in the Chair) on behalf of Ms Etilda Gjonaj (Albania, SOC), General Rapporteur on violence against women, on the International day for the elimination of violence against women and the 16 days of activism against gender-based violence campaign and a presentation by Ms Anja Jokić, Bureau member of the Advisory Council on Youth;

- **Addressing gender-based violence in the healthcare sector and providing support for survivors by medical staff:** heard a statement by Ms Camilla Fabricius (Denmark, SOC), rapporteur on “Preventing and combating gender discrimination in health” and held a hearing with the participation of:
 - Ms Violette Perrotte, Executive director of *La Maison des Femmes*;
 - Dr Sophie Tellier, Head of the unit on sexual violence of *La Maison des Femmes* of Saint-Denis;
 - Dr Gilles Lazimi, General practitioner;
- **Eliminating gender stereotypes in the media** (*Rapporteur: Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk, Ukraine, ALDE*): considered an introductory memorandum;
- **Vigdís Prize for Women's Empowerment:** recalled that the call for candidates for the second edition had been opened at the Luxembourg Standing Committee on 29 November 2024, with a closing deadline of 28 March 2025;
- **Work programme:** took note of the work programme;
- **Protecting the human rights and improving the lives of sex workers and victims of sexual exploitation:** following an exchange of views, decided to take no action on the reference for report and to inform the Bureau accordingly;
- **Appointment of a rapporteur for report:** decided to postpone to the January part-session the appointment of a rapporteur for report on *The situation of national minorities in Ukraine*;
- **Appointment of a Youth Rapporteur:** appointed Ms Aysu Bankoğlu (Türkiye, SOC) and heard her declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
- **Appointment of representatives:** appointed Ms Etila Gjonaj (Albania, SOC), in her capacity as General Rapporteur on violence against women, to participate in the 2nd meeting of the Committee of Experts on combating technology-facilitated violence against women and girls (GEC/PC-eVIO) to take place in Strasbourg on 22-23 January 2025 (*at no cost to the Assembly*);
- **Commission on the Status of Women (CSW 69) (New York, United States, 10-21 March 2025):** appointed Ms Aysu Bankoğlu (Türkiye, SOC), Ms Petra Bayr (Austria, SOC), Mr Mustafa Canbey (Türkiye, NR), Ms Laura Castel (Spain, UEL), Ms Sevilay Çelenk Özen (Türkiye, UEL), Ms Sabina Ćudić (Bosnia and Herzegovina, ALDE), Ms Camilla Fabricius (Denmark, SOC), Ms Meryem Göka (Türkiye, NR), Ms Zita Gurmai (Hungary, SOC), Ms Tuula Haatainen (Finland, SOC), Mr Yuriy Kamelchuk (Ukraine, EPP/CD), Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk (Ukraine, ALDE), Ms Luz Martinez Seijo (Spain, SOC), Ms Catia Polidori (Italy, EPP/CD), Mr Georgios Stamatīs (Greece, EPP/CD), Ms Annika Strandhäll (Sweden, SOC), and Mr Francesco Verducci (Italy, SOC), as members to the ad hoc Sub-Committee to participate in the CSW (*at no cost to the Assembly*);
- **Reporting back:** heard reports from Ms Tuula Haatainen (Finland, SOC) for her participation in the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) annual seminar with Equality Bodies (Strasbourg, 17-18 October 2024); Mr Georgios Stamatīs (Greece, EPP/CD), Mr Yuriy Kamelchuk (Ukraine, EPP/CD) and Ms Luz Martinez Seijo (Spain, SOC) for their participation in the Conference “Promoting safety, integrity, equality and inclusion in sport” (Athens, 4-5 November 2024); Ms Petra Bayr (Austria, SOC), Ms Sevilay Çelenk Özen (Türkiye, UEL) and Mr Yuriy Kamelchuk (Ukraine, EPP/CD) for their participation in the World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 6-8 November 2024); Ms Petra Bayr (Austria, SOC) for her participation in the 96th plenary meeting of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) (Strasbourg, 21-22 November 2024);
- **Other business:** authorised Mr Francesco Verducci (Italy, SOC) to carry out fact-finding visits to Bosnia and Herzegovina and the United Kingdom in the framework of the preparation of his report on *Countering discrimination based on religion and protecting freedom of religion and belief in Europe*;

- **Next meetings:** confirmed its next meetings as follows:
- Strasbourg, during the first part-session 2025 of the Assembly (27-31 January 2025);
 - Paris, Tuesday, 18 March 2025 (*place and date to be confirmed*);
 - Strasbourg, during the second part-session 2025 of the Assembly (7-11 April 2025);
 - Paris, Monday, 12 May 2025 (*place and date to be confirmed*);
 - Strasbourg, during the third part-session 2025 of the Assembly (23-27 June 2025);
 - Paris, Friday, 12 September 2025 (*place and date to be confirmed*);
 - Strasbourg, during the fourth part-session 2025 of the Assembly (29 September – 3 October 2025);
 - Paris, Friday, 5 December 2025 (*place and date to be confirmed*).

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