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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 3rd part-session 2025

The Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, meeting in Strasbourg with Ms Saskia Kluit (Netherlands, SOC), Chairperson of the Committee, in the Chair, on:

- **Wednesday, 25 June 2025, at 2.00 pm, as regards:**
 - ***Social mobilisation, social unrest, and police reaction in Council of Europe member States: is there a need for a new social contract?*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez, Switzerland, SOC*): took note that no amendments had been tabled to the draft resolution;
 - ***Analysis and guidelines for a sustainable and socially fair energy transition*** (*Rapporteur: Ms Saskia Kluit, the Netherlands, SOC*): with Mr Armen Gevorgyan (Armenia, ECPA), Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, in the Chair, took position on 3 amendments tabled to the draft resolution;
 - ***Follow-up to the report “The absolute and urgent need to end the humanitarian crisis for women, children and the hostages in Gaza”*** (*Rapporteur: Ms Saskia Kluit, Netherlands, SOC*): heard a statement by the rapporteur on recent developments; authorised the Rapporteur to send letters to the Ministers of Foreign affairs; took note of the Rapporteur's intention to send letters to the Chairpersons of the relevant Steering Committees of the Council of Europe;
 - ***Committee's work programme and priorities:***
 - ***appointment of rapporteur for report:*** appointed rapporteurs as follows:
 - ✓ Mr Georgios Stamatis (Greece, EPP/CD) as rapporteur on “Towards a family-friendly Europe: policy recommendations for demographic renewal” and heard his declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
 - ✓ Ms Sibel Arslan (Switzerland, SOC) as rapporteur on “Guaranteeing the right to access to drinking water” and heard her declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
 - ✓ Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) as rapporteur on “Promoting universal health coverage” and heard his declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
 - ***appointment of representatives to external events:*** appointed:
 - ✓ Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) to sit in the *ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau to participate in the European Holocaust Memorial Day for Roma and Sinti, Auschwitz-Birkenau, 2 August 2025;
 - ✓ Mr Michael Farrugia (Malta, SOC) and Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) to sit in the *ad hoc* Sub-Committee to participate in the Conference on Health Protection, 15 October 2025, Strasbourg;
 - ✓ Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC), Mr Armen Gevorgyan (Armenia, ECPA), Mr Vinzenz Glaser (Germany, UEL) and Ms Sibel Arslan (Switzerland, SOC) to sit in the *ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau to participate in World Forum for Democracy 2025, 4-7 November 2025, Strasbourg;
 - ✓ Ms Aurora Floridia (Italy, SOC) to participate to the United Nations Climate Change Conference – COP30, including the Parliamentary Meeting organised by the IPU, 10-21 November 2025, Belém, Brazil;
 - ✓ Mr Rónán Mullen (Ireland, EPP/CD) as member and Mr Georgios Stamatis (Greece, EPP/CD) as substitute to participate to the 46th plenary meeting of the Committee of the Parties to the Council of Europe Convention on the protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse (Lanzarote Committee), 18-21 November 2025, Chisinau;
 - ✓ Ms Lesia Zaburanna (Ukraine, ALDE), Mr Georgios Stamatis (Greece, EPP/CD), Mr Dan Aldridge (United Kingdom, SOC), Mr Joseph O'Reilly (Ireland, EPP/CD), Ms Maria-Nefeli Chatziioannidou

(Greece, EPP/CD) as members and Ms Miapetra Kumpula-Natri (Finland, SOC) as substitute to participate to the *ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau to participate in the Conference on Artificial Intelligence, 15-16 December 2025, London;

- ✓ took note of the interest of Mr Jan Filip Libicki (Poland, EPP/CD), Ms Larysa Bilozir (Ukraine, ALDE) and Mr Georgios Stamatidis (Greece, EPP/CD) to participate in the Conference on Inclusive Care for Older Persons, organised by the Council of Europe and the Council of Europe Development Bank, 9 December 2025, Strasbourg and decided to come back on this matter at its next meeting;

- **Thursday, 26 June 2025, at 8.30 am, as regards:**

- ***Sustainable European guidelines to counter social dumping and strengthen collective bargaining mechanisms*** (*Rapporteur: Ms Valérie Piller Carrard, Switzerland, SOC*): considered an introductory memorandum; changed the title of the draft report to “European guidelines to counter social dumping and labour exploitation” and decided to request from the PACE Bureau the extension of reference for the report by six months;
- ***Ensuring sustainable food security in times of crisis: strengthening resilience and access to food*** (*Rapporteur: Ms Larysa Bilozir, Ukraine, ALDE*): considered an introductory memorandum;
- ***Committee of Ministers’ replies***: considered the Committee of Ministers’ replies to Assembly recommendations as regards:
 - Recommendation 2272 (2024) on “Mainstreaming the human right to a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment with the Reykjavik process” (*Rapporteur: Mr Simon Moutquin, Belgium, SOC*);
 - Recommendation 2263 (2023) on “Mental health and well-being of children and young adults” (*Rapporteur: Mr Simon Moutquin, Belgium, SOC*);
 - Recommendation 2275 (2024) on “Ending the detention of “socially maladjusted” persons” (*Rapporteur: Mr Stefan Schennach, Austria, SOC*);
- ***Committee’s work programme and priorities:***
 - ***reports from Committee representatives to external events***: heard back from:
 - ✓ Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) on the 34th meeting of the Executive Committee of the North-South Centre, 21 May 2025, Strasbourg;
 - ✓ Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) on the launch of the Parliamentary Alliance for Good Governance and Integrity in Sport, 3 June 2025, Trondheim;
 - ✓ Mr Paul Galles (Luxembourg, EPP/CD) on the *ad hoc* Sub-Committee to participate in the event “Social rights: building social justice and democratic stability”, organised by the Council of Europe in cooperation with the European Economic and Social Committee, 5 June 2025, Brussels;
 - ***Changes in Sub-Committees***: approved the following changes:
 - Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize**: Mr Serdar Yüksel (Germany, SOC) became a full member with Mr Julian Joswig (Germany, SOC) as alternate;
 - Sub-Committee on European Social Charter**: Ms Inge Gräßle (Germany, EPP/CD) became a full member with Mr Vinzenz Glaser (Germany, UEL) as alternate;
 - ***Other business***: heard back from Ms Aurora Floridia (Italy, SOC) on the International Conference Multilevel Governance approaches to address environmental challenges: Overcoming institutional silos and developing cross-sector collaboration, 13 June 2025, Gozo (Malta); noted that the Parliamentary Network on the situation of the children of Ukraine had been invited to hold its next meeting in Tallinn, Estonia, and that the Parliamentary Network for a Healthy Environment had been invited to hold its next meeting in Gaziantep, Turkey, on 9 October 2025, in the margins of the meeting of the Sub-Committee on the European Prize for the award ceremony for the 2025 Prize, which will take place on 10 October 2025 and agreed to request authorisation from the PACE Bureau to hold these meetings;
 - ***Dates and places of next meetings***: took note of the next meetings to be held as follows:
 - Plenary committee**
 - 4 September 2025, Paris office
 - Fourth part of the 2025 session of the Assembly, 29 September - 3 October 2025, Strasbourg
 - 4 December 2025, Paris office or Strasbourg (*to be confirmed*)

Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize

- 10 October 2025, Gaziantep (Türkiye) *(to be confirmed)*

Parliamentary Network for a healthy environment

- 9 October 2025, Gaziantep (Türkiye) *(to be confirmed)*

Parliamentary Network on the situation of the children of Ukraine

- Fourth part of the 2025 session of the Assembly, 29 September - 3 October 2025, Strasbourg

The Parliamentary Network for a healthy environment, meeting in Strasbourg on **Tuesday, 24 June 2025, at 1 pm**, with Ms Aurora Floridia (Italy, SOC), Network Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **"Climate and Biodiversity Tour"**: participated in the exhibition preceded by an opening ceremony by the President of PACE and a guided tour with two scientists;
- **Date and place of the next meeting**: 9 October 2025, Gaziantep (Türkiye) *(to be confirmed)*.

The Parliamentary Network on the situation of the children of Ukraine, meeting in Strasbourg on **Wednesday, 25 June 2025, at 1 pm**, with Ms Olena Khomenko (Ukraine, ECPA), Network Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- held an exchange on outcomes of the Network's recent visit to Kyiv in Ukraine;
- **Date and place of next meeting**: fourth part of the 2025 session of the Assembly, 29 September - 3 October 2025, Strasbourg.

The Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize, meeting in Strasbourg on **Thursday, 26 June 2025, at 2 pm**, with Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC), Sub-Committee Vice-Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Presentation ceremony of the 2025 European Diplomas**: awarded the 2025 European Diploma (in alphabetical order of countries): Montpellier (France), Brake (Unterweser), Heidelberg and Leipzig (Germany), Ottiglio and Sala Monferrato (Germany), Zaragoza (Spain), Adana and Eskişehir (Türkiye);
- **Date and place of the next meeting**: 2025 Europe Prize presentation ceremony in Gaziantep (Türkiye), 10 October 2025 *(to be confirmed)*.

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