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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 4th 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, 1st October 2025, at 2 pm, as regards:**
 - **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*): held a hearing with the participation of Mr Marc Lassouaoui, Senior Manager Outreach Europe, United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), and was informed of the actions taken in the framework of the follow up to the report;
 - **Day on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (18 November)**: held an exchange of view with Ms Ekaterina Malareva, Legal Advisor, Children’s Rights Division - Secretariat of the Lanzarote Committee, Council of Europe;
 - **Committee’s work programme and priorities**
 - **appointment of representatives to external events**: appointed Ms Aurora Floridia (Italy, SOC) and Ms Yuliia Ovchynnykova (Ukraine, ALDE) to participate in the 5th meeting of the Ad hoc Multidisciplinary Group on the Environment (GME) on 2-4 December 2025 in Strasbourg (subject to availability of funds), including the official ceremony for the presentation of the Council of Europe Strategy on the Environment and opening for signature of the Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of the Environment through Criminal Law on 3 December 2025;
 - **appointment of rapporteurs**: issued a call for candidates for the report on “Climate and gender equality – strengthening the protection of women’s rights in the face of climate disruption”;
 - **Other business**: decided to seek the Bureau’s agreement to be seized for opinion on the report on the activities of the OECD (under preparation by the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy), and was informed about the side events organised during the 4th part-session 2025 of the Assembly;
- **Thursday, 2 October 2025, at 9.15 am, as regards:**
 - **Promoting universal health coverage** (*Rapporteur: Mr Stefan Schennach, Austria, SOC*): took position on 3 amendments tabled to the draft resolution;
 - **Analysis and guidelines to guarantee the right to housing** (*Rapporteur: Ms Aurora Floridia, Italy, SOC*): took position on 15 amendments tabled to the draft resolution;
- **Thursday, 2 October 2025, at 2 pm, as regards:**
 - held an exchange of views with the **Parliamentary Network for a healthy environment**;
 - **Changes in sub-committees**: approved the following changes:
 - Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize**: Mr Fabian Molina (Switzerland, SOC) became a full member;

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

Plenary committee

- 4 December 2025, Paris office, followed by the Conference on social rights and the cost-of-living crisis (5 December)

Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize

- 10 October 2025, Gaziantep (Türkiye)

Parliamentary Network for a healthy environment

- 9 October 2025, Gaziantep (Türkiye)

Parliamentary Network on the situation of the children of Ukraine

- 17 October 2025, Tallinn (Estonia)

The Parliamentary Network on the situation of the children of Ukraine, meeting in Strasbourg on **Monday, 29 September 2025, at 1 pm**, with Ms Olena Khomenko (Ukraine, ECPA), Network Chairperson, in the Chair:

- held an exchange of views with Ms Kateryna Rashevskya, Legal Expert at the Regional Centre for Human Rights (RCHR), and Ms Angelina Kasyanova, Manager of Returning, Ukrainian Child Rights Network (UCRN);
- heard a presentation of the Yale University Humanitarian Research Lab Report “Ukraine’s Stolen Children: Inside Russia’s Network of Re-Education and Militarisation” by Mr Nathaniel Raymond, Executive Director (*online*);
- **Date and place of next meeting:** 17 October 2025, Tallinn (Estonia).

The Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize, meeting in Strasbourg *in camera*, on **Wednesday, 1st October 2025, at 3.15 pm**, with first Ms Carmen Leyte (Spain, EPP/CD), oldest member present, and then Mr Miloš Konatar (Montenegro, SOC), elected Sub-Committee Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Bureau of the Sub-Committee:**
 - elected by acclamation Mr Miloš Konatar (Montenegro, SOC), Chairperson;
 - elected by acclamation Mr Joseph O'Reilly (Ireland, EPP/CD), Vice-Chairperson;
- **Date and place of the next meeting:** 2025 Europe Prize presentation ceremony on 10 October 2025 in Gaziantep (Türkiye).

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