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

Synopsis of the meetings held in Lisbon on 12 and 13 September 2024

The Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, and the Network of Contact Parliamentarians for a healthy environment meeting in Lisbon:

- heard a welcome statement by Mr Marcos Perestrelo, Vice-President of the Assembleia da República;
- **Thursday, 12 September 2024 from 9 am to 12 noon: meeting of the Network of Contact Parliamentarians for a healthy environment**, meeting on Thursday, 12 September 2024, in Lisbon, with Ms Edite Estrela (Portugal, SOC), Chairperson of the Network, in the Chair:
 - **Portuguese approaches on sustainable energy for mobility and housing – from a general perspective to concrete measures**: held an exchange of views with:
 - ✓ Mr Jorge Delgado, former Secretary of State for Infrastructure and Secretary of State for Mobility, on main national challenges in terms of sustainable mobility and the Portuguese policies to address them;
 - ✓ Mr Nelson Lage, President of ADENE (National Energy Agency), on ADENE action for the energy transition;
 - ✓ Mr Miguel Gaspar, former Councillor on the Lisbon City Council, on Sustainable development challenges facing cities, the example of Lisbon;
 - ✓ Ms Maria Manuela Alvares, Councillor of Matosinhos on Strategy to decarbonize Matosinhos by 2030 in terms of housing and the concrete actions taken;
 - ✓ Mr João Crispim, Fundação Mestre Casais (Engineer), on concrete measures for sustainable mobility and housing
 - ✓ Mr Vladimiro Feliz, Engineer, Director of Ceii's Collaborative Laboratory, on new technologies, products and services to accelerate cities' transition towards carbon neutrality.
- **Thursday, 12 September 2024 from 12 noon to 1 pm, meeting of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development**, with first Mr Simon Moutquin (Belgium, SOC), Chairperson of the Committee, and then Ms Edite Estrela (Portugal, SOC), Chairperson of the Network of Contact Parliamentarians for a healthy environment, in the Chair, as regards:
 - **Ensuring safe, healthy and sustainable food for all** (*Rapporteur*: Mr Simon Moutquin, Belgium, SOC): considered a draft report, changed the title of the report to “Guaranteeing the human right to food” and unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation, with a view to presenting the report for debate during the fourth part of the 2024 session of the Assembly;
 - **Field visit in Sintra**: visited the Professional School for the Recovery of Sintra's Heritage and the Quinta da Regaleira.

- **Friday, 13 September 2024 from 9 am to 1 pm, meeting of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development**, with Mr Simon Moutquin (Belgium, SOC), Chairperson of the Committee, in the Chair, as regards:
 - ***The humanitarian situation of (mainly) children and women in Gaza, the West Bank and in Israel*** (*Rapporteur: Ms Saskia Kluit, Netherlands, SOC*):
 - held a hearing with Mr Willy Bergogné, Director, Save the Children Europe, Claire Nicolet and Jason Rizzo, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) / Doctors Without Borders, and Mr David Wightwick, Chief Executive Officer, UK-Med;
 - unanimously decided to propose to the Bureau of the Assembly to hold a debate under the urgent procedure during the fourth part of the 2024 session of the Assembly on the emergency healthcare and humanitarian situation of women and children in Gaza;
 - ***“Long Covid” and access to the right of to health*** (*Rapporteur: Ms Carmen Leyte, Spain, EPP/CD*): held a hearing with: Mr Joan B Soriano, Medical Epidemiologist, Servicio de Neumología, Hospital Universitario de la Princesa – UAM, Madrid, Spain, and Ms Chantal Britt, Long Covid Europe (European network of Long Covid patient organisations);
 - ***The Council of Europe Development Bank: implementing the Reykjavík Declaration*** (*Rapporteur: Ms Eka Sepashvili, Georgia, EC/DA*): considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation, with a view to presenting the report for debate during the fourth part of the 2024 session of the Assembly;
 - ***Social mobilisation, social unrest, and police reaction in Council of Europe member States: need for a new social contract*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez, Switzerland, SOC*): heard an introductory statement by the Rapporteur;
 - ***Terms of reference of the Network of Contact Parliamentarians for a healthy environment***: considered and adopted the revised terms of reference for submission to the Bureau of the Assembly which includes the change of the Network's name”;
 - ***Parliamentary Network on the situation of children of Ukraine***: postponed the revision of the terms of reference and the appointment of a member to its next meeting during the fourth part of the 2024 session of the Assembly;
 - ***Committee's work programme and priorities***:
 - “Violent pornography”: appointed Mr Joseph O'Reilly (Ireland, EPP/CD) as rapporteur for opinion on this matter and heard his declaration of absence of conflict of interests;
 - appointed Committee representatives to external events as follows (*subject to the availability of funds*):
 - ✓ Multi-level Governance for Ensuring Democracy and Strengthening Resilience at All Levels of Governance, 25 September 2024, Vilnius – Mr Armen Gevorgyan (Armenia, EC/DA);
 - ✓ 1st meeting of the Ad hoc Multidisciplinary Group of the Environment (GME), 25-27 September 2024, Strasbourg – Mr Simon Moutquin (Belgium, SOC);
 - ✓ World Health Summit, 13-15 October 2024, Berlin - Ms Larysa Bilozir (Ukraine, ALDE) and, at no cost to the Assembly, Mr Andrej Hunko (Germany, UEL);
 - ✓ Ad hoc Committee of the Bureau to take part in the Conference of the European Parliamentary Technology Assessment Network (EPTA), on the theme “Artificial Intelligence and Democracy”, 21 October 2024, Oslo – Ms Liliana Tanguy (France, ALDE) and Ms Sibel Arslan (Switzerland, SOC);
 - ✓ 2nd plenary meeting of the Steering Committee on Democracy (CDDEM), 29-30 October 2024, Strasbourg – Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC) and Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC);
 - ✓ 12th Conference on the Implementation of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention, 29-30 October 2024, Strasbourg – Ms Saskia Kluit (Netherlands, SOC);
 - ✓ Ad hoc Committee of the Bureau to take part in the World Forum for Democracy 2024, 6-8 November 2024, Strasbourg – Ms Eka Sepashvili (Georgia, EC/DA);
 - ***Other business***: heard a statement by the Chairperson on the Day for the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (18 November) and watched a film produced by the NGO Brave Movement, containing testimonies of victims of online sexual violence during their childhood;

– **Date and place of next meetings:**

Plenary committee

- Fourth part of the 2024 session of the Assembly, 30 September – 4 October 2024, Strasbourg
- Friday, 6 December 2024, Strasbourg (preceded by the Conference on Child Abuse, 5 December, Strasbourg)

Network of Contact Parliamentarians for a healthy environment

- First part of the 2025 session of the Assembly, 27-31 January 2025, Strasbourg

Parliamentary Network on the situation of the children of Ukraine

- Fourth part of the 2024 session of the Assembly, 30 September – 4 October 2024, Strasbourg

Sub-Committee on Public Health and Sustainable Development

- Fourth part of the 2024 session of the Assembly, 30 September – 4 October 2024, Strasbourg (*to be confirmed*)

Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize

- Official presentation ceremony of the Europe Prize, Thursday, 17 October 2024, Terrassa (Spain)

• **Friday, 13 September 2024, from 2:30 to 4:30 pm:**

- ***Analysis and guidelines for a sustainable and socially fair energy transition*** (Rapporteur: Ms Saskia Kluit, Netherlands, SOC): made a field visit in Cascais / Guincho to NOVA SBE university campus and heard a presentation on sustainable development and renewable energy projects in Cascais.

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