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

Synopsis

of the meeting held in Paris on 4 September 2025

The Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, meeting in Paris on Thursday, 4 September 2025, with Ms Saskia Kluit (Netherlands, SOC), Chairperson of the Committee, in the Chair, 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, the Netherlands, SOC*): considered the draft terms of reference for General Rapporteur and decided to submit them to the Bureau of the Assembly for approval; exchanged on the motion “Suspension of Israel’s observer status” which was referred to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy for report;
- **Promoting universal health coverage** (*Rapporteur: Mr Stefan Schennach, Austria, SOC*): considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution;
- **Analysis and guidelines to guarantee the right to housing** (*Rapporteur: Ms Aurora Floridaia, Italy, SOC*): considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution as amended;
- **Committee’s work programme and priorities:**
 - **appointment of representatives to external events:** appointed its members as follows:
 - ✓ Mr Joseph O'Reilly (Ireland, EPP/CD) to participate to the 15th meeting of the COE-FRA-ENNHRI-EQUINET Collaborative Platform on Social and Economic Rights on 3 October 2025 in Edinburgh (United Kingdom);
 - ✓ Mr Georgios Stamatis (Greece, EPP/CD) in addition to the previously appointed members, to sit in the *ad hoc* Sub-Committee to participate to the Council of Europe Conference on the Protection of Health on 15 October 2025 in Strasbourg;
 - ✓ Ms Aurora Floridaia (Italy, SOC) to participate in the Ministerial Conference marking the 25th anniversary of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention on 21 October 2025 in Florence (Italy);
 - ✓ Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) to participate in the North-South Prize Award Ceremony and the meeting of the Executive Committee and the North-South Dialogues on 28-29 October 2025 in Lisbon (Portugal);
 - ✓ Ms Yuliia Ovchynnykova (Ukraine, ALDE) to participate in the 49th session of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities on 28-30 October 2025 in Strasbourg;
 - ✓ Ms Larysa Bilozir (Ukraine, ALDE) and Mr Georgios Stamatis (Greece, EPP/CD) to sit in the *ad hoc* Sub-Committee to participate in the Conference on Inclusive Care for Older Persons, organised by the Council of Europe and the Council of Europe Development Bank on 9 December 2025 in Strasbourg;
 - ✓ Mr Dan Aldridge (United Kingdom, SOC) to participate to the 10th Plenary Meeting of the Committee of the Parties to the MEDICRIME Convention on 9-10 December 2025 in Strasbourg;
 - ✓ Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) as member, in addition to the previously appointed members, to sit in the *ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau to participate in the Conference on Artificial Intelligence on 15-16 December 2025 in London (United Kingdom);
 - **reports from Committee representatives to external events:** heard back from Mr Georgios Stamatis (Greece, EPP/CD) on his participation in the European Holocaust Memorial Day for Roma and Sinti, Auschwitz-Birkenau, 2 August 2025;

- **Committee of Ministers' reply:** considered the Committee of Ministers' reply to Assembly Recommendation 2286 (2024) on "Guaranteeing the human right to food";
- **European guidelines to counter social dumping and labour exploitation** (*Rapporteur: Ms Valérie Piller Carrard, Switzerland, SOC*): held a hearing with the participation of Ms Séverine Picard, Founder and Director General of *Progressive Policies*, and Ms Bruna Campanello (*online*), member of the steering committee of UNIA trade union (Switzerland); and authorised the rapporteur to carry out a fact-finding visit to the Netherlands;
- **The situation of Ukrainian soldiers who became disabled as a result of hostilities** (*Rapporteur: Jan Filip Libicki, Poland, EPP/CD*): held a hearing with the participation of Mr Volodymyr Hera, lecturer at the Military Academy and lieutenant colonel in the Ukrainian army, Mr Mykhailo Bakaliuk (*online*), veteran, and Mr Danylo Kryvko (*online*), Director of the State Rehabilitation Centre "Halychyna";
- **Written declaration by the Committee on the environment:** considered and unanimously adopted a written declaration;
- **Other business:**
 - heard a statement by Mr Nuno Fazenda (Portugal, SOC) on the tragic funicular accident in Lisbon and issued a message of condolences;
 - heard a statement by Mr Armen Gevorgyan (Armenia, CEPA) on the situation of Armenian prisoners in Baku;
 - was informed about several voluntary contributions received to support the Committee's projects;
- **Dates and places of next meetings:** took note of the next meetings to be held as follows:

Plenary committee

- 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*), followed by the *Conference on social rights and the cost-of-living crisis (5 December)*

Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize

- Fourth part of the 2025 session of the Assembly, 29 September - 3 October 2025, Strasbourg
- 10 October 2025, Gaziantep (Türkiye)

Parliamentary Network for a healthy environment

- 9 October 2025, Gaziantep (Türkiye)
- Fourth part of the 2025 session of the Assembly, 29 September - 3 October 2025, Strasbourg

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
- 17 October 2025, Tallinn (Estonia) (*to be confirmed*)

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