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To the members of the Ad hoc Committee of the Bureau

Synopsis of the meeting¹ held in Geneva on 13 June 2024

The Ad hoc Committee of the Bureau, meeting in Geneva, on **Thursday 13 June 2024**, with Mr Theodoros Rousopoulos, President of the Parliamentary Assembly and Chairperson of the Ad Hoc Committee, and Mr Simon Moutquin (Belgium, SOC), Chairperson of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, in the chair, as regards:

9:00 am – 12 pm

- Heard a statement by Mr Theodoros Rousopoulos, President of the Assembly;
- Heard a statement and a presentation of the ICRC's operational response by Ms Ariane Bauer, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Regional Director for Asia;
- **Exchange of views with international organisations on the situation of the children of Ukraine**
Session moderated by Mr Theodoros Rousopoulos:

Heard presentations by: Ms Olena Khomenko (Ukraine, EC/DA), rapporteur on "Situation of the children of Ukraine"; Mr Aaron Greenberg, Regional advisor for Europe and Central Asia, Child Protection, Unicef; Mr Philippe Leclerc, Regional Director for Europe, UNHCR; and, online, Ms Danielle Bell, Head of the UN Human Rights Monitoring Mission in Ukraine;

2 pm – 4:30 pm in camera

- **Presentation of the activities of the ICRC's Central Tracing Agency for the International Armed Conflict between the Russian Federation and Ukraine, in respect of missing or separated family members (in particular children)**
Latest developments on the return of Ukrainian children
Session moderated by Mr Simon Moutquin:
 - Heard a briefing by Mr Dušan Vujašanin, Head of the Central Tracing Agency (CTA) Bureau for the international armed conflict between the Russian Federation and Ukraine of the ICRC; visited the CTA Bureau; and held a discussion with the CTA Bureau team on the situation of the children of Ukraine;
 - Heard a briefing by Ms Iryna Suslova, Representative on Children's Rights of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights Latest developments, on the return of Ukrainian children.

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cc: Secretary General of the Assembly
Director and all staff of the Secretariat of the Assembly
Secretaries of National Delegations and of Political Groups of the Assembly
Secretaries of observer and partner for democracy delegations
Secretary General of the Congress
Secretary to the Committee of Ministers
Directors General
Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe
Director of the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights
Director of Communication
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¹ Meeting organised by the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development.