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To the members of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

Synopsis

of the meeting held in Paris on 1 December 2022

The Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, meeting in Paris, on 1 December 2022, with first Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo (Monaco, ALDE), 1st Vice-Chairperson, then with Mr Fourat Ben Chikha (Belgium, SOC), 3rd Vice-Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Conflict-related sexual violence** (*Rapporteur: Ms Petra Bayr, Austria, SOC*): approved a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution; accepted the proposal of the rapporteur to ask the Bureau of the Assembly that Ms Sima Sami Bahous, Executive Director of UN Women, be invited to address the Assembly during the debate on this report;
- **The Istanbul Convention: progress and challenges** (*Rapporteur: Ms Zita Gurmai, Hungary, SOC*): approved a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution as amended and a draft recommendation;
- **The role of men and boys in stopping gender-based violence** (*Rapporteur: Ms Petra Stienen, Netherlands, ALDE*): approved a draft report; decided to change the title as follows: *The role and responsibility of men and boys in stopping gender-based violence against women and girls* and unanimously adopted a draft resolution as amended;
- **International Day of Persons with Disabilities, 3 December 2022**: unanimously adopted a declaration as amended;
- **Sexual and reproductive health and rights** (*Rapporteur: Ms Petra Stienen, Netherlands, ALDE*): considered a preliminary draft report and decided to change the title of the report as follows: *Innovative approaches to sexual and reproductive health and rights*;
- **Preventing and combating violence against women with disabilities** (*Rapporteur: Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo, Monaco, ALDE*): considered an introductory memorandum;
- **Preventing and combating violence and discrimination against LBQ women in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo, Monaco, ALDE*): considered an introductory memorandum;
- **Women in the economy employment, entrepreneurship and gender budgeting** (*Rapporteur: Ms Sena Nur Çelik, Türkiye, NR*): considered an introductory memorandum and authorised the rapporteur to send a questionnaire through the European Centre for Parliamentary Research and Documentation (ECPRD) and to conduct a fact-finding visit to the United Kingdom (*subject to the availability of funds*);
- **Activities of the Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence**: heard a communication by the General Rapporteur on violence against women on the activities for the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women on 25 November 2022 and 16 days of activism and on the programme of a workshop to be held in Rabat on 5 December 2022 on the Istanbul Convention and the role of parliamentarians in the fight against violence against women;

- **Activities of the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance:** heard a communication by the General Rapporteur on combating racism and intolerance on the hearing held by the Alliance earlier on the same day and on proposed future activities of the Alliance;
- **Parliamentary Platform for the rights of LGBTI people in Europe:** approved and decided to declassify the minutes of the meeting held on 13 October 2022 in Strasbourg;
- **Commission on the Status of Women (CSW 67)** (New York, United States, 6 - 17 March 2023): held an exchange of views on the Committee's possible representation and participation and decided to hold a meeting of the Sub-committee on Gender Equality in New York during the event (*subject to the authorisation of the Bureau of the Assembly*);
- **Promoting inclusive participation in parliamentary and political life** (*Rapporteur: Ms Maryna Bardina, Ukraine, ALDE*): heard a statement by the rapporteur;
- **Work programme:** took note of the work programme and of the motion for a resolution entitled *Enhancing the right to access to justice for vulnerable groups*, transmitted to the Committee for information and held an exchange of views on possible areas of future work;
- **Appointment of rapporteurs:** appointed (*subject to hearing their declarations of absence of conflict of interest at the next meeting*):
 - o Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE) as rapporteur for report on *Institutional racism of law enforcement authorities against Roma and Travellers*;
 - o Mr Christophe Lacroix (Belgium, SOC) as rapporteur for report on *Freedom of expression and assembly of LGBTI people in Europe*;
- **Appointment of representatives:** appointed Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo (Monaco, ALDE) to participate by videoconference in the interparliamentary meeting of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality of the European Parliament, Brussels, on 8 December 2022 (*at no cost to the Assembly*);
- **Reply by the Committee of Ministers:** took note of the reply by the Committee of Ministers to Assembly Recommendation 2220 (2022) entitled *Combating rising hate against LGBTI people in Europe*;
- **Reporting back:** heard a report by Ms Petra Bayr (Austria, SOC) on her participation in the 2nd meeting of the Committee of experts on Hate Crime (PC/ADI-CH), in Strasbourg on 29-30 September 2022;
- **Next meetings:** confirmed its next meetings as follows:
 - o Strasbourg, during the first part-session 2023 of the Assembly (23-27 January);
 - o Paris, 24 March 2023 (Council of Europe office) (*to be confirmed*);
 - o Strasbourg, during the second part-session 2023 of the Assembly (24-28 April);
 - o May 2023 (*date and place to be confirmed*);
 - o Strasbourg, during the third part-session 2023 of the Assembly (19-23 June);
 - o Paris, 15 September 2023 (Council of Europe office) (*to be confirmed*);
 - o Strasbourg, during the fourth part-session 2023 of the Assembly (9-13 October);
 - o Paris, 7 December 2023 (Council of Europe office) (*to be confirmed*).

The No Hate Parliamentary Alliance, meeting in Paris on Thursday, 1 December 2022 from 9 to 10am with Mr Petra Bayr (Austria, SOC) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Committee of Ministers Recommendation CM/Rec(2022)16 on combating hate speech: measures to support the victims – the role of parliamentarians:** held a hearing with the participation of:
 - o Mr Menno Ettema, Programme manager, No Hate Speech and Cooperation Unit, Directorate General of Democracy, Council of Europe;
 - o Ms Līva Vikmane, EU Policy and Advocacy Officer, HateAid gGmbH.

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