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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 19 September 2023

The Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, meeting in Paris on **Tuesday, 19 September 2023**, with Ms Selin Sayek Böke (Türkiye, SOC), Chairperson of the Committee, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Preventing addictive behaviours in children** (*Rapporteur: Ms Diana Stoica, Romania, ALDE*): in the absence of the rapporteur, considered a draft report, unanimously adopted a draft resolution and unanimously adopted a draft recommendation, with a view to presenting the report for debate during the fourth part of the 2023 session of the Assembly;
- **Taking into consideration the impact of the fight against the Covid-19 pandemic on the mental health of minors and young adults** (*Rapporteur: Mr Simon Moutquin, Belgium, SOC*): considered a draft report, agreed to modify the title of the report to “Mental health and well-being of children and young adults”, unanimously adopted a draft resolution and unanimously adopted a draft recommendation, with a view to presenting the report for debate during the fourth part of the 2023 session of the Assembly;
- **Deliberate germline editing in human beings** (*Rapporteur: Mr Stefan Schennach, Austria, SOC*): considered a draft report, agreed to modify the title of the report to “Heritable genome editing in human beings” and unanimously adopted a draft recommendation, with a view to presenting the report for debate during the November meeting of the Standing Committee of the Assembly;
- **Globalisation in times of crises and war: The role of the OECD since the Russian Federation’s aggression against Ukraine** (*Rapporteur for opinion: Ms Selin Sayek Böke, Türkiye, SOC*): considered a draft opinion and issued a call for candidates for a new rapporteur for opinion;
- **Committee’s work programme and priorities:**
 - heard a statement by the Chairperson of the Committee on its priorities and held an exchange of views;
 - appointed Mr Simon Moutquin (Belgium, SOC) as rapporteur on “Mainstreaming the human right to a safe, clean, healthy, and sustainable environment with the Reykjavík process” and heard his declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
 - issued a call for candidates for a new rapporteur on “Analysis and guidelines to guarantee the right to housing and to decent housing”;
 - appointed Committee representatives to external events as follows (*subject to the availability of funds*):
 - ✓ Meeting of the Bureau of the North-South Centre, 6 October 2023, Strasbourg – Ms Carmen Leyte (Spain, EPP/CD);
 - ✓ World Health Summit, 15-17 October 2023, Berlin/online – Ms Liliana Tanguy (France, ALDE);
 - ✓ Lisbon Forum 2023 of the North-South Centre, 16-17 October 2023, Lisbon – Ms Carmen Leyte (Spain, EPP/CD);
 - ✓ 2nd meeting of the Committee of Experts on the Protection of the Environment through Criminal Law (PC-ENV), 16-18 October 2023, Strasbourg – Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE);
 - ✓ 4th meeting of the Committee of the Parties to the Council of Europe Convention against the Trafficking in Human Organs (T-TOH), 25-26 October 2023, Strasbourg – Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE);
 - ✓ 8th plenary meeting of the Steering Committee for the rights of the Child (CDENF), including a joint session with the European Committee on Legal Co-operation (CDCJ) on 16 November, 14-16 November 2023, Strasbourg – Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva (Azerbaijan, EC);

- ✓ 40th meeting of the Lanzarote Committee, 28-30 November 2023, Strasbourg/online – Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva (Azerbaijan, EC);
- *World Forum for Democracy, Strasbourg, 6-8 November 2023* : took note of the preparations for the Forum and appointed Mr Simon Moutquin (Belgium, SOC) as member of the Bureau's *ad hoc* Committee to participate in the Forum;
- *Reference transmitted to the Committee for information/consultation: agreed to take into account the motion for a recommendation on “Strengthening the protection of biodiversity in Europe through sustainable and fair financing of the Bern Convention” in the context of the report on “Mainstreaming the human right to a safe, clean, healthy, and sustainable environment with the Reykjavík process”;*
- *Replies of the Committee of Ministers:* considered the Committee of Ministers’ reply to the Assembly Recommendation on “Securing safe medical supply chains” and a draft declaration on “Putting human rights back at the heart of medical supply chains”;
- instructed the Chairperson to send a letter to the PACE Bureau asking for the prolongation of references for reports on “Child abuse in Europe: addressing the issue, compensation and prevention” and “Long Covid” and access to the right to health”;
- ***Abusive practices on depriving children from their family environment:*** held a public hearing with the participation of:
 - Mr Titus Corlăţean (Romania, SOC), member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
 - Mr Mads Andenas, former United Nations Special Rapporteur and Professor of Law, University of Oslo
 - Ms Mia Dambach, Executive Director, Child Identity Protection, Geneva
- ***Ensuring a healthy, sustainable and secure food supply (Rapporteur: Mr Simon Moutquin, Belgium, SOC):*** considered an introductory memorandum, agreed to modify the title of the report to “Ensuring safe, healthy and sustainable food for all”, authorised the rapporteur to carry out a fact-finding visit to Ukraine if safety conditions allow it and a public hearing;
- ***Committee’s work programme and priorities:***
 - heard statements from Committee representatives to external events as follows:
 - ✓ Strengthening National Child Participation Frameworks and Action in Europe – CP4EUROPE – Final Conference, 6-7 June 2023, Strasbourg – Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva (Azerbaijan, EC/DA)
 - ✓ 3rd plenary meeting of the Steering Committee for Human rights in the fields of Biomedicine and Health (CDBIO), 6-9 June 2023 – Ms Selin Sayek Böke (Türkiye, SOC)
 - ✓ “Decent work: building a sustainable future”, Side Event at the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, 14 July 2023, UN Headquarters, New York, USA – Ms Selin Sayek Böke (Türkiye, SOC)
- ***Changes in Sub-Committees:*** approved the following changes:
 - Sub-Committee on European Social Charter:** Ms Bernadeta Coma (Andorra, ALDE) became a full member;
 - Sub-Committee on Public Health and Sustainable Development:** Ms Susanna Vela (Andorra, SOC) became a full member;
- ***Sub-Committee on Children:*** heard a report from Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva (Azerbaijan, EC/DA), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee, on the joint meeting with the Network of Contact Parliamentarians for a healthy environment held in Paris on 18 September 2023;
- ***Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize:*** heard a report from Ms Carmen Leyte (Spain, EPP/CD), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee, on the meetings held in Strasbourg on 22 June 2023 (European Diplomas ceremony), in Bolesławiec (Poland) on 18-19 August 2023 (2023 Europe Prize presentation ceremony) and in Paris on 18 September 2023;
- ***Other business:*** heard statements by Mr Armen Gevorgyan (Armenia, EC) and Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva (Azerbaijan, EC/DA) on the situation in Nagorno Karabakh region;
- ***Date and place of next meetings:***
 - Fourth part of the 2023 session of the Assembly, 9-13 October 2023, Strasbourg
 - Wednesday, 6 December 2023, Paris (Council of Europe Office)

The Network of Contact Parliamentarians for a healthy environment, meeting in Paris on Monday, 18 September 2023, with Ms Edite Estrela (Portugal, SOC), Chairperson of the Network, in the Chair, as regards:

- held a minute of silence to honour the victims of the earthquake in Morocco;
- **“What protection for environmental rights in Europe after the Reykjavík Summit?”**: held an exchange of views with:
 - Ms Katharina Rall, Senior researcher, Environment and Human Rights, Human Rights Watch
 - Mr Sébastien Duyck, Senior Attorney, Human Rights and Climate Campaign Manager, Climate and Energy Program, Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL)
- **Work programme and priorities of the Network**: held an exchange of views;
- **Date and place of the next meeting**: fourth part of the 2023 session of the Assembly, 9-13 October, Strasbourg (including a joint meeting with Women@PACE, 10 October 2023, and a meeting on 12 October 2023, *to be confirmed*).

Joint meeting of the Network of Contact Parliamentarians for a healthy environment and the Sub-Committee on Children, in Paris on Monday, 18 September 2023, with Ms Edite Estrela (Portugal, SOC), Chairperson of the Network, and Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva (Azerbaijan, EC/DA), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee, in the Chair, as regards:

- **“25+ ‘ready-to-vote’ legislative proposals” by the Solar Impulse Foundation**: held an exchange of views with:
 - ✓ children (Camille, Philomène, Basile, Eole and Romain, eco-delegates of the “Institution Jeanne d’Arc” of Colombes, France) and their teacher Mr Najib Benarafa
 - ✓ Mr Bertrand Piccard, President of the Solar Impulse Foundation (Switzerland)
- **Accompanying the transformation of the society with reinforced environmental human rights**: held an exchange of views with:
 - ✓ children (Camille, Philomène, Basile, Eole and Romain, eco-delegates of the “Institution Jeanne d’Arc” of Colombes, France) and their teacher Mr Najib Benarafa
 - ✓ Ms Corinne Le Quéré, President of the High Council on Climate (France) and member of the Climate Change Committee (United Kingdom) (*by videoconference*)
- **Date and place of the next meetings of the Sub-Committee on Children**: to be determined.

The Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize, meeting in Paris on Monday, 18 September 2023, with Ms Carmen Leyte (Spain, EPP/CD), Sub-Committee Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **List of honorary members/former members who can represent PACE at Europe Prize ceremonies**: considered and approved the list;
- **Proposals to improve the visibility of the Europe Prize**: held an exchange of views;
- **Date and place of the next meeting**: fourth part of the 2023 session of the Assembly, 9-13 October, Strasbourg (*to be confirmed*).

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