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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 2 December 2022

The Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, meeting in Paris, on **Friday, 2 December 2022**, with Ms Sibel Arslan (Switzerland, SOC), Third Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Environmental impact of armed conflicts** (*Rapporteur: Mr John Howell, United Kingdom, EC/DA*): considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution as amended and a draft recommendation, with a view to presenting the report for debate during the first part-session of the Assembly 2023;
 - **“The Stadium” – a new short film from PACE to raise awareness of the sexual abuse of children in sport**: watched the film which had been launched on the eve of the European Day on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (18 November) and encouraged parliamentarians to promote it at local and national levels;
 - **Deliberate germline editing in human beings** (*Rapporteur: Mr Stefan Schennach, Austria, SOC*): considered a revised introductory memorandum and held a public hearing with the participation of Ms Anne Forus, Vice-Chairperson of the International Bioethics Committee (UNESCO) and Senior Advisor, Department of Health Legislation and Biotechnology, Norwegian Directorate of Health, Ms Dafna Feinholz, Chief of Section, Bioethics and Ethics of Science Section (UNESCO) and Ms Laurence Lwoff, Head of Human Rights and Biomedicine Division, Human Rights Directorate (Council of Europe);
 - **Political strategies to prevent, prepare for, and face the consequences of natural disasters** (*Rapporteur: Mr Simon Moutquin, Belgium, SOC*): considered a preliminary draft report;
 - **Committee’s work programme and priorities:**
 - appointed rapporteurs *for report* as follows:
 - ✓ “Long Covid” and access to the right to health – Ms Romilda Baldacchino Zarb (Malta, SOC)
 - ✓ Strengthening palliative care for children – Ms Diana Stoica (Romania, ALDE)
 - ✓ Child protection in competitive sports – Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva (Azerbaijan, EC/DA)
 - ✓ Addressing the social and economic effects of sanctions – Ms Sibel Arslan, (Switzerland, SOC)
 - ✓ Analysis and guidelines to guarantee the right to housing and to decent housing – Ms Selin Sayek Böke (Türkiye, SOC)
 - ✓ Ensuring a healthy, sustainable and secure food supply – Mr Simon Moutquin (Belgium, SOC)
 - appointed a rapporteur *for opinion* as follows:
 - ✓ The activities of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) – Mr Hişyar Özsoy (Türkiye, UEL)
- and heard from Ms Baldacchino Zarb, Ms Stoica, Ms Fataliyeva, Ms Arslan, Mr Moutquin and Mr Özsoy a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
- **Right of the child to protection while using the internet** (*Rapporteur: Mr Joseph O’Reilly, Ireland, EPP/CD*): considered an introductory memorandum;

– **Committee's work programme and priorities:**

- appointed Committee representatives to external events as follows (*subject to the availability of funds*):
 - ✓ RTT/ROMACT event on children left behind in Bulgaria, 12 December, Sofia – Mr Viorel-Riceard Badea (Romania, EPP/CD)
 - ✓ UNITE – Global Parliamentarians Network to end infectious diseases, 5-7 December, Lisbon – Ms Leyte (Spain, EPP/CD) *at no cost to the Assembly* and noted that Ms Nigar Arpadarai (Azerbaijan, EC/DA) was also invited by the organisers *at no cost to the Assembly*
 - ✓ Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH) Workshop “Implementing human rights and environmental due diligence”, 6 December, online – Mr Geraint Davies (United Kingdom, SOC)
 - ✓ 37th plenary meeting of the Lanzarote Committee, 31 January-2 February 2023, Strasbourg – Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE)
- heard back from the Committee representatives to external events as follows:
 - ✓ World Health Summit, 16-18 October, Berlin: Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE)
 - ✓ Meeting of the Bureau of the North-South Centre and Award Ceremony of the North-South Prize of the Council of Europe, 17-18 October, online and in Lisbon: Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC)
 - ✓ 43rd Congress Session, 25-27 October, Strasbourg: Mr Armen Gevorgyan (Armenia, EC/DA)
 - ✓ Meeting of CDBIO, 2-4 November, Strasbourg: Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) and Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE)
 - ✓ World Forum for Democracy, 7-9 November, Strasbourg: Mr Armen Gevorgyan (Armenia, EC/DA)
 - ✓ United Nations Climate Change conference – COP27, including the Parliamentary Meeting organised by the IPU (13 November), 7-18 November, Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt: Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE)
 - ✓ 6th meeting of the Steering Committee for the Rights of the Child (CDENF), 14-16 November, Strasbourg/online: Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva (Azerbaijan, EC/DA)
 - ✓ Meeting of the Committee of Ministers' *ad hoc* Working Party on Improving the European Social Charter System (GT-CHARTÉ), 22 November, Strasbourg: Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE)
 - ✓ 16th meeting of the European Committee on Democracy and Governance (CDDG), 28-29 November, Strasbourg: Mr Armen Gevorgyan (Armenia, EC/DA)
- took note of the Committee of Ministers' replies to the Assembly's Recommendation 2211 (2021) and Recommendation 2222 (2022), respectively on “Anchoring the right to a healthy environment: need for enhanced action by the Council of Europe” and “Beating Covid-19 with public health measures”;
- **Other business:** decided to request that the Committee be seized for opinion on the motion for a resolution tabled on “The situation of Ukrainian persons forcefully displaced or transferred to the Russian Federation or Ukrainian territories under the de facto control of the Russian Federation” (Doc 15568);
- welcomed the invitation from the Moroccan parliament to hold meetings of the Committee and the Network of Contact Parliamentarians for a healthy environment in Morocco in March 2023;
- **Date and place of next meetings:**

Plenary committee

- First part of the 2023 session of the Assembly, 23-27 January 2023, Strasbourg
- Thursday and Friday, 16-17 March 2023, Morocco (*date and place to be confirmed, subject to the authorisation by the Bureau of the Assembly*)
- Second part of the 2023 session of the Assembly, 24-28 April 2023, Strasbourg
- Monday, 22 May 2023, Paris (Council of Europe Office) (*to be confirmed*)
- Third part of the 2023 session of the Assembly, 19-23 June 2023, Strasbourg
- Tuesday, 19 September 2023, Paris (Council of Europe Office) (*to be confirmed*)
- Fourth part of the 2023 session of the Assembly, 9-13 October 2023, Strasbourg
- Wednesday, 6 December 2023, Paris (Council of Europe Office) (*to be confirmed*)

Sub-Committee on Public Health and Sustainable Development

- First part of the 2023 session of the Assembly, 23-27 January 2023, Strasbourg

Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize

- First part of the 2023 session of the Assembly, 23-27 January 2023, Strasbourg
- Second part of the 2023 session of the Assembly, 24-28 April 2023, Strasbourg
- Third part of the 2023 session of the Assembly, 19-23 June 2023, Strasbourg

Sub-Committee on Children

- First part of the 2023 session of the Assembly, 23-27 January 2023, Strasbourg

The Network of Contact Parliamentarians for a healthy environment, meeting on Friday, 2 December 2022, with Mr Rik Daems (Belgium, ALDE), Network Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- ***Climate Crisis and the Energy Charter Treaty (ECT)***: held an exchange of views with:
 - ✓ Mr Guy Lentz, Secretary General, Energy Charter Treaty (*online*)
 - ✓ Ms Marie-Pierre Vedrenne, MEP, Renew Europe, France (*online*)
 - ✓ Ms Catherine Banet, Head of the Energy and Resources Law Department and professor at the Scandinavian Institute of Maritime Law, University of Oslo (Norway)
- held an exchange of views on the plans for a Network-meeting in Morocco in 2023 and the contribution of members to the preparation of the 4th Summit of the Council of Europe;
- ***Date and place of the next meetings:***
 - First part of the 2023 session of the Assembly, 23-27 January 2023, Strasbourg
 - Friday and Saturday, 17-18 March 2023, Marrakech and Benguerir, Morocco (*date and place to be confirmed; subject to the authorisation of the Bureau of the Assembly*)

The Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter, meeting on Friday, 2 December 2022, with Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee, in the Chair:

- postponed its meeting to the first part of the 2023 session of the Assembly (23-27 January 2023), Strasbourg

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