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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 22 May 2023

The Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, meeting in Paris on **Monday, 22 May 2023, at 9.30 am**, with Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva (Azerbaijan, EC/DA), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Children, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Health and social protection of undocumented workers or those in an irregular situation** (*Rapporteur: Ms Ada Marra, Switzerland, SOC*): considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution as amended and unanimously adopted a draft recommendation, with a view to presenting the report for debate during the third part of the 2023 session of the Assembly;
- **“Long Covid” and access to the right to health** (*Rapporteur: Ms Romilda Zarb, Malta, SOC*): considered an introductory memorandum in the absence of the rapporteur;
- **Committee’s work programme and priorities:**
 - appointed Committee representatives to external events as follows (*subject to the availability of funds*):
 - ✓ 3rd plenary meeting of the Steering Committee for Human rights in the fields of Biomedicine and Health (CDBIO), 6-9 June 2023, Strasbourg – Mr David Morris (United Kingdom, EC/DA), with Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE) to replace him should he be unavailable
 - ✓ Conference on Transition of Jobs and 3rd meeting of the European Committee for Social Cohesion (CCS), 14-15 June 2023, Attard (Corinthia Palace), Malta, and videoconference – Ms Romilda Zarb (Malta, SOC)
 - took note of the Committee of Ministers’ replies to:
 - ✓ Recommendation 2227 (2022) on “Deinstitutionalisation of persons with disabilities”, and agreed to declassify the Committee’s analysis of the reply
 - ✓ Recommendation 2225 (2022) on “For an assessment of the means and provisions to combat children’s exposure to pornographic content”
 - ✓ Recommendation 2233 (2022) on “Addiction to prescribed medicines”
- **The European Social Charter: the outlook for social rights after the Reykjavík Summit:** held an exchange of views with Ambassador Joan Forner Rovira, Permanent Representative of Andorra to the Council of Europe, Chairperson of the Rapporteur Group of the Committee of Ministers on Social and Health Questions (GR-SOC);
- **Safeguarding future rights for future generations** (*Rapporteur: Mr Pedro Cegonho, Portugal, SOC*): considered an introductory memorandum and agreed to modify the title to “Safeguarding human rights for future generations”;
- **Committee’s work programme and priorities:** heard back from the Committee representatives to external events as follows:
 - ✓ 44th session of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, 21-23 March 2023, Strasbourg – Mr Armen Gevorgyan (Armenia, EC/DA)
 - ✓ 2023 Global Parliamentary Forum (GPF) jointly organised by the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, 10-11 April 2023, Washington DC (USA) – Mr Armen Gevorgyan (Armenia, EC/DA)
 - ✓ 7th meeting of the Drafting Group on Human Rights and Environment (CDDH-ENV), 2-5 May 2023, Strasbourg, including a High-Level Conference on “The Right to a Clean, Healthy, and Sustainable

Environment in Practice" on 3 May 2023 – Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE) and Mr Rik Daems (Belgium, ALDE)

- ✓ Eastern Europe and Central Asia (EECA) Regional meeting, Building parliamentary co-operation towards health systems strengthening in the Eastern Europe and Central Asia region, UNITE Parliamentarians Network for Global Health, 15-17 May, 2023, Tbilisi, Georgia – Ms Eka Sepashvili (Georgia, EC/DA)
- ✓ European and Mediterranean Major Hazards Agreement (EUR-OPA) 79th Meeting of the Committee of Permanent Correspondents, 11 May 2023, online – Mr Simon Moutquin (Belgium, SOC)
- **Sub-Committee on Children:** heard a report from Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva (Azerbaijan, EC/DA), Sub-Committee Chairperson, on the meetings held in Strasbourg on 26 January 2023 and 27 April 2023;
- **Monday, 22 May 2023, at 2 pm,** with Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva (Azerbaijan, EC/DA), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Children, in the Chair, as regards:
 - **Detention of the “socially maladjusted”** (*Rapporteur: Mr Stefan Schennach, Austria, SOC*): considered an introductory memorandum, authorised the Rapporteur's fact-finding visit to Portugal and held a public hearing with the participation of:
 - ✓ Mr Marius Turda, Professor of 20th Century Central and Eastern European Biomedicine, Oxford Brookes University (UK)
 - ✓ Ms Boglárka Benko, Registry of the European Court of Human Rights, Council of Europe
 - ✓ Mr Thomas Kattau, Deputy Executive Director, Pompidou Group (Council of Europe International Co-operation Group on Drugs and Addictions), and
 - ✓ Ms Laura Marchetti, Policy Manager, Mental Health Europe, Brussels
 - **Other business:** took note of the call for nominations for the 2023 Václav Havel Prize and of the deadline of 30 June 2023 for the submission of nominations;
 - **Date and place of next meetings:**

Plenary committee

- Third part of the 2023 session of the Assembly, 19-23 June 2023, Strasbourg
- Tuesday, 19 September 2023, Paris (Council of Europe Office)
- Fourth part of the 2023 session of the Assembly, 9-13 October 2023, Strasbourg
- Wednesday, 6 December 2023, Paris (Council of Europe Office)

Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize

- Ceremony for the presentation of the 2023 European Diplomas, third part of the 2023 session of the Assembly, 22 June 2023, 10:30 - 12:30, Strasbourg
- 2023 Europe Prize official presentation ceremony, Bolesławiec, Poland (*date to be confirmed*)

The Network of Contact Parliamentarians for a healthy environment, meeting in Paris **on Monday, 22 May 2023**, with Mr Rik Daems (Belgium, ALDE), Network Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **The 4th Summit of the Council of Europe: state of play and follow-up activities:** heard a statement by the Chairperson and held an exchange of views;
- **Work programme of the Network:** heard a statement by the Chairperson and held an exchange of views;
- **Date and place of the next meetings:**
 - third part-session 2023 of the Assembly, 19-23 June 2023, Strasbourg (*date to be confirmed*)
 - Monday 18 September 2023, Paris (Council of Europe Office)
 - fourth part-session 2023 of the Assembly, 9-13 October 2023, Strasbourg (*date to be confirmed*)

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