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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 6 December 2023

The Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, meeting in Paris, on **Wednesday, 6 December 2023**, with Mr Simon Moutquin (Belgium, SOC), Chairperson of the Committee, Mr Alain Milon (France, EPP/CD) and Ms Olena Khomenko (Ukraine, EC/DA), Vice-Chairpersons, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Child abuse in Europe: addressing it, compensation and prevention** (*Rapporteur: Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez, Switzerland, SOC*): considered a draft report, changed the title of the report to “Child abuse in institutions in Europe” and unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation, with a view to presenting the report for debate during the first part-session of the Assembly in 2024;
- **Globalisation in times of crises and war: The role of the OECD since the Russian Federation’s aggression against Ukraine** (*Rapporteur for opinion: Ms Liliane Tanguy, France, ALDE*): heard her declaration of absence of conflicts of interest, considered and unanimously approved an opinion, including eight amendments to the draft resolution, with a view to the debate during the first part-session of the Assembly in 2024;
- **Right of the child to protection while using the internet** (*Rapporteur: Mr Joseph O’Reilly, Ireland, EPP/CD*): considered a preliminary draft report and changed the title of the report to “Protection of children against online violence”;
- **Analysis and guidelines to guarantee the right to housing and to decent housing** (*Rapporteur: Ms Aurora Floridia, Italy, SOC*): in the absence of the Rapporteur, considered an introductory memorandum and held a public hearing with the participation of Mr Samir Kulenovic, Senior Technical Advisor for Housing and Urban Development, Council of Europe Development Bank;
- **Mainstreaming the human right to a safe, clean, healthy, and sustainable environment with the Reykjavik process** (*Rapporteur: Mr Simon Moutquin, Belgium, SOC*): considered an introductory memorandum and held a public hearing with the participation of Mr Helge Seland, Permanent Representative of Norway to the Council of Europe, Chairman of the GR-H (Rapporteur Group on Human Rights) ; under the chairmanship of Mr Alain Milon (France, EPP/CD), First Vice-Chairperson, then Ms Olena Khomenko (Ukraine, EC/DA), Second Vice-Chairperson;
- **Towards Council of Europe seas and oceans strategies against the climate crisis** (*Rapporteur: Ms Yuliia Ovchynnykova, Ukraine, ALDE*): considered a preliminary draft report and changed the title of the report to “Towards Council of Europe strategies against the climate crisis for healthy seas and oceans”;
- **Safeguarding human rights for future generations** (*Rapporteur: Mr Pedro Cegonho, Portugal, SOC*): considered a preliminary draft report;
- **Committee’s work programme and priorities:**
 - appointed rapporteurs for report as follows:
 - Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva (Azerbaijan, EC/DA) as general rapporteur on child participation, and heard her declaration of absence of conflicts of interest;
 - Ms Saskia Kluit (Netherlands, SOC) as rapporteur on “Analysis and guidelines for a sustainable and socially fair energy transition”, and heard her declaration of absence of conflicts of interest;

- issued a call for candidates for a rapporteur for report on “Sustainable European guidelines to counter social dumping and strengthen collective bargaining mechanisms” and on “The Council of Europe Development Bank: implementing the Reykjavík Declaration”;
- appointed Committee representative to external events as follows (*subject to the availability of funds*):
 - *Mr Simon Moutquin (Belgium, SOC)* for the 9th meeting of the Drafting Group on Human Rights and Environment (CDDH-ENV), 17-19 January 2024, Strasbourg
- considered the Committee of Ministers’ reply to “Environmental impact of armed conflicts” (Recommendation 2246 (2023)) and to “Political strategies to prevent, prepare for, and face the consequences of natural disasters” (Recommendation 2251 (2023));
- authorised former Rapporteur Mr Simon Moutquin (Belgium, SOC) to visit Türkiye in the framework of the follow-up of his report on “Political strategies to prevent, prepare for, and face the consequences of natural disasters”;
- heard reports from Committee representatives to external events as follows:
 - ✓ World Health Summit, 15-17 October 2023, Berlin/online – Ms Liliane 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)
 - ✓ 45th Session of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, 24-27 October 2023, Strasbourg – Mr Armen Gevorgyan (Armenia, EC/DA)
 - ✓ World Forum for Democracy, 6-8 November 2023, Strasbourg – Mr Armen Gevorgyan (Armenia, EC/DA), Ms Ada Marra (Switzerland, SOC) and Mr Simon Moutquin (Belgium, SOC)
 - ✓ 4th meeting of the European Committee for Social Cohesion (CCS), 9 November 2023, Strasbourg and online – Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE)
 - ✓ 31st meeting of the Executive Committee of the North-South Centre, 10 November 2023, Strasbourg/online – Ms Carmen Leyte (Spain, EPP/CD)
 - ✓ 18th meeting of the European Committee on Democracy and Governance (CDDG), 23-24 November 2023, Strasbourg – Mr Armen Gevorgyan (Armenia, EC/DA).
- **Changes in the Sub-Committees:** approved the following changes:
 - **Sub-Committee on Public Health and Sustainable Development:** Mr Alain CADEC (France, NR) became a full member.
- **Other business:**
- took note of the call for nominations for the 2024 Vigdís Prize for Women’s Empowerment;
- took note of the designation of Ms Laryza BILOZIR (Ukraine, ALDE), Ms Sena Nur ÇELİK (Türkiye, NR), Mr Murat Cahid CINGI (Türkiye, NR), Mr Jean-Pierre GRIN (Switzerland, ALDE), Ms Olena KHOMENKO (Ukraine, EC/DA), Ms Evhenia KRAVCHUK (Ukraine, ALDE), Ms Carmen LEYTE (Spain, EPP/DC), Ms Luz MARTINEZ SEIJO (Spain, SOC), Mr Alain MILON (France, EPP/CD), Mr Simon MOUTQUIN (Belgium, SOC), Mr Georgios STAMATIS (Greece, EPP/CD), Ms Maria SYRENGELA (Greece, EPP/CD), and Ms Liliana TANGUY (France, ALDE) to the Ad Hoc Committee to participate in a PACE co-operation activity on “The situation of the children of Ukraine”, on 15 December 2023 in Paris.
- **Date and place of next meetings:**
 - Plenary committee**
 - First part of the 2024 session of the Assembly, 22-26 January 2024, Strasbourg
 - Monday, 25 March 2024 Paris (Council of Europe Office)
 - Second part of the 2024 session of the Assembly, 15-19 April 2024, Strasbourg
 - Monday, 3 June 2024, Paris OR elsewhere (*to be confirmed*)

- Third part of the 2024 session of the Assembly, 24-28 June 2024, Strasbourg
- Friday, 13 September 2024, Paris (Council of Europe Office)
- Fourth part of the 2024 session of the Assembly, 30 September – 4 October 2024, Strasbourg
- Friday, 6 December 2024, Paris (Council of Europe Office)

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- First part of the 2024 session of the Assembly, 22-26 January 2024, Strasbourg
- Tuesday, 26 March 2024 Paris (Council of Europe Office)
- Second part of the 2024 session of the Assembly, April 15-19, 2024, Strasbourg
- Tuesday, 4 June 2024, Paris OR elsewhere (*to be confirmed*)
- Third part of the 2024 session of the Assembly, June 24-28, 2024
- Fourth part of the 2024 session of the Assembly, 30 September – 4 October 2024, Strasbourg

Sub-Committee on Public Health and Sustainable Development

- First part of the 2024 session of the Assembly, 22-26 January 2024, Strasbourg

Sub-Committee on Children

- First part of the 2024 session of the Assembly, 22-26 January 2024, Strasbourg

Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter

- First part of the 2024 session of the Assembly, 22-26 January 2024, Strasbourg

The Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize, meeting in Paris, on **Wednesday, 6 December 2023**, with Ms Carmen Leyte (Spain, EPP/CD), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee, in the Chair, as regards:

- ***Improving the visibility of the Europe Prize:*** held an exchange of views and considered a memorandum on the celebration of the 70th anniversary of the Europe Prize in 2025;
- ***Date and place of next meetings:***
 - First part of the 2024 session of the Assembly, 22-26 January 2024, Strasbourg
 - Second part of the 2024 session of the Assembly, 15-19 April 2024, Strasbourg
 - Third part of the 2024 session of the Assembly, 24-28 June 2024, Strasbourg

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