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To the members of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development

Synopsis of the meetings held in Paris on 3-4 June 2024

The Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, meeting in Paris on **Monday, 3 June 2024**, with Ms Carmen Leyte (Spain, EPP/CD), oldest member present, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Opening of the meeting:** agreed that Mr Indrek Saar (Estonia), candidate for the post of Secretary General of the Council of Europe, could attend the meeting;
- **Situation of the children of Ukraine:** considered and approved the draft terms of reference of a Parliamentary Network on the situation of the children of Ukraine for transmission to the Bureau and was informed about the revised draft programme for the meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Bureau of the Assembly to be held in Geneva on 13 June 2024;
- **Safeguarding human rights for future generations** (*Rapporteur: Mr Pedro Cegonho, Portugal, SOC*): considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution as amended, with a view to presenting the report for debate during the third part-session of the Assembly of 2024;
- **The Council of Europe Development Bank: implementing the Reykjavik Declaration** (*Rapporteur: Ms Eka Sepashvili, Georgia, EC/DA*): considered a preliminary draft report;
- **“Long Covid” and access to the right to health** (*Rapporteur: Ms Carmen Leyte, Spain, EPP/CD*): considered a preliminary draft report;
- **Promoting universal health coverage** (*Rapporteur: Ms Heike Engelhardt, Germany, SOC*): held an exchange of views with Ms Francesca Colombo, Head of the Health Division at the OECD;
- **Combating greenwashing: a fundamental rights perspective:** held an exchange of views with Dr Patrycja Pogodzinska of FRA (European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights) on the report entitled “Enforcing consumer rights to combat greenwashing”;
- **Field visit of a project co-financed by the Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB):** visited two social housing units (*‘pensions de famille’*) managed by ADOMA and whose restructuring was co-financed by the CEB;
- **Committee’s work programme and priorities:**
 - took note that the rapporteur for opinion on “Violent pornography” would be appointed after the Committee on equality and Non-discrimination appoints its rapporteur;
 - appointed Ms Saskia Kluit (Netherlands, SOC) as rapporteur for the report on “The humanitarian situation of (mainly) children and women in Gaza, the West Bank and in Israel” and heard her declaration of absence of conflict of interests;
 - heard reports from Committee representatives to external events as follows:
 - ✓ 32nd meeting of the Executive Committee of the North-South Centre, 21 May 2024, Lisbon – Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC);
 - ✓ 9th meeting of the Steering Committee of the Rights for the Child (CDENF), 28-30 May 2024, Strasbourg - Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC) and Mr Joseph O'Reilly (Ireland, EPP/CD);
 - ✓ 77th World Health Assembly, 27 May - 1 June 2024, Geneva – Mr Andrej Hunko (Germany, UEL);

- appointed Committee representatives to external events as follows (*subject to the availability of funds*):
 - ✓ 5th Steering Committee for Human Rights in the fields of Biomedicine and Health (CDBIO), 11-14 June 2024, Strasbourg – Ms Liliana Tanguy (France, ALDE);
 - ✓ Ad Hoc Committee of the Bureau to participate in the World Forum for Democracy 2024, 6-8 November 2024 – Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC);
 - ✓ 10th Plenary meeting of the Steering Committee of the Rights for the Child (CDENF), 3-5 December 2024, Strasbourg – Ms Lesia Zaburanna (Ukraine, ALDE);
 - ✓ Ad hoc Committee of the Bureau to visit the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and other Geneva-based international organisations in the framework of the follow-up to Resolution 2529 (2024) on “The situation of the children of Ukraine”, 13 June 2024, Geneva – Ms Saskia Kluit (Netherlands, SOC) as alternate member to replace Ms Lesia Zaburanna (Ukraine, ALDE);
- was informed about the Committee of Ministers’ reply to the Assembly’s Recommendation on “Preventing addictive behaviours in children”;
- **Changes in sub-committees:** approved the following changes:
 - **Sub-Committee on Children:** Ms Lesia Zaburanna (Ukraine, ALDE) became a full member;
- **Other business:**
 - decided to request from the PACE Bureau the extension of reference for the report on “Addressing the social and economic effects of sanctions”;
 - took note of the deadline for the nomination for the Václav Havel Human Rights Prize;
- **Date and place of next meetings:**
 - Plenary committee**
 - Third part of the 2024 session of the Assembly, 24-28 June 2024, Strasbourg
 - Friday, 13 September 2024, Lisbon
 - Fourth part of the 2024 session of the Assembly, 30 September – 4 October 2024, Strasbourg
 - Friday, 6 December 2024, Strasbourg
 - Network of Contact Parliamentarians for a healthy environment**
 - Tuesday, 4 June 2024, Paris
 - Third part of the 2024 session of the Assembly, 24-28 June 2024, Strasbourg
 - Thursday, 12 September 2024, Lisbon
 - Fourth part of the 2024 session of the Assembly, 30 September – 4 October 2024, Strasbourg
 - Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize**
 - Third part of the 2024 session of the Assembly, 24-28 June 2024, Strasbourg
 - Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter**
 - Third part of the 2024 session of the Assembly, 24-28 June 2024, Strasbourg
 - 3-4 July 2024, Vilnius (on the occasion of the High-Level Conference on the European Social Charter organised as part of the follow-up to the Fourth Summit of the Council of Europe under the auspices of the Lithuanian Presidency of the Committee of Ministers)
 - Sub-Committee on Public Health and Sustainable Development**
 - 11-12 June 2024, Strasbourg (on the occasion of the High-Level Conference on “Today, tomorrow, together for public health” organised by the European Directorate for the Quality of Medicines & HealthCare (EDQM) of the Council of Europe to celebrate 60 years of its existence
 - Third part of the 2024 session of the Assembly, 24-28 June 2024, Strasbourg (*to be confirmed*)

The Sub-Committee on Public Health and Sustainable Development, meeting in Paris, on **Monday, 3 June 2024**, with first Ms Carmen Leyte (Spain, EPP/CD), oldest member present, and then Ms Larysa Bilozir (Ukraine, ALDE), elected Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of the Bureau of the Sub-Committee:** elected Ms Larysa Bilozir (Ukraine, ALDE) Chairperson and, by acclamation, Mr Andrej Hunko (Germany, UEL) Vice-Chairperson;
- heard the report by Mr Andrej Hunko (Germany, GUE) on his participation in the 77th World Health Assembly which took place in Geneva on 27 May – 1 June 2024;
- **Date and place next meetings:**
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 - Third part-session 2024 of the Assembly, 24-28 June 2024, Strasbourg (*to be confirmed*)

The Network of Contact Parliamentarians for a healthy environment, meeting in Paris on **Tuesday, 4 June 2024**, with Ms Edite Estrela (Portugal, SOC), Chairperson of the Network, in the Chair, and in presence of a group of Young Ambassadors for Food Resilience led by the Association MakeSense, as regards:

- **Development of sustainable mechanisms for children’s participation in the Assembly:** held a public hearing with and Ms Elena Bonetti, General Rapporteur on child participation (by videoconference);
- **Ensuring safe, healthy and sustainable food for all:** held a public hearing with:
 - ✓ Ms Pauline Scherer, Sociologist, Research & Experimentation Centre, Montpellier (France)
 - ✓ Ms Magali Ramel, Doctor of Public Law and Moderator of the National Food Council’s consultation group “Preventing and combating food insecurity”, Paris (France)
 - ✓ Mr Timothée Parrique, Research Economist at the Faculty of Economics and Management of the University of Lund (Sweden)

on the following central themes of the introductory memorandum on “Ensuring Safe, Healthy, and Sustainable Food for all”:

- ✓ Right to healthy, safe and sustainable food
 - ✓ Food democracy and social inequalities
 - ✓ Growth and transition to sustainable food system
- carried out a field visit to a former campus of the University of Sorbonne rehabilitated into a social and cultural workspace to take part in a training course on how to create an atypical event (DiscoSoup) on countering food waste;
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