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To the members of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

Synopsis

of the meetings held in Strasbourg on 23-24 January 2024

The Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, meeting in Strasbourg on 23 and 24 January 2024,

- **Tuesday 23 January, from 10.30 am to 11.30am**, first with Ms Andrea Eder-Gitschthaler (Austria, EPP/CD), oldest member present, then with Ms Mariia Mezentseva (Ukraine, EPP/CD), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:
 - **Election of the Bureau of the Committee:**
 - re-elected by acclamation Ms Mariia Mezentseva (Ukraine, EPP/CD), as Chairperson;
 - elected, by acclamation Ms Etilda Gjonaj (Albania, SOC), as First Vice-Chairperson;
 - elected by acclamation Mr Caspar van den Berg (Netherlands, ALDE), as Second Vice-Chairperson;
 - postponed the election of the Third Vice-Chairperson to its next meeting;
 - **Sub-Committees:** re-constituted its Sub-Committees on Gender Equality; on the Rights of Minorities; and on Disability, Multiple and Intersectional Discrimination; and approved their composition, as set out in appendices 1, 2 and 3;
 - **Gender breakdown in Assembly positions in 2023:** heard a statement by the Chairperson and held an exchange of views on the gender breakdown in Assembly positions in 2023, and on the follow-up to PACE Resolution 2394 (2021);
 - **Work programme:** adopted two motions for resolutions entitled *Violent pornography* and *Enhancing cooperation between parliaments and equality bodies*, to be tabled on behalf of the Committee;
 - **Appointment of rapporteurs:** appointed by acclamation:
 - Ms Camilla Fabricius (Denmark, SOC) as rapporteur for report on *Preventing and combating gender discrimination in health*,
 - Ms Petra Bayr (Austria, SOC) as rapporteur for opinion on *Review of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic*, motion for a resolution tabled by the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy [rapporteur AS/Pol: Ms Marietta Karamanli, France, SOC];and heard their declarations of absence of conflict of interest;
 - **Protecting women human rights defenders and people who defend women's rights in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Ms Petra Bayr, Austria, SOC*): considered an information memorandum and authorised the rapporteur to carry-out a fact-finding visit to Poland in March 2024;
 - **Assembly's institutional representation:** appointed Ms Petra Bayr (Austria, SOC) as representative, and Mr Fourat Ben Chikha (Belgium, SOC), as substitute, to the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) for 2024;
 - **Commission on the Status of Women (CSW 68) (New York, United States, 11-22 March 2024):** approved the composition of the *ad hoc* Sub-Committee to participate in the event as set out in appendix 4;

- **Appointment of representatives** (*subject to the availability of funds*): appointed Ms Mireille Clapot (France, ALDE) to participate in the first meeting of the Council of Europe Committee of Experts on Artificial Intelligence, Equality and Discrimination (GEC/ADI-AI), to be held in Strasbourg on 20-21 February 2024;
- **Reply by the Committee of Ministers**: took note of the reply of the Committee of Ministers to Assembly Recommendation 2247 (2023) on *The Istanbul Convention: progress and challenges*;
- **Reporting back**: heard a report by Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo (Monaco, ALDE) about her participation in the ILGA-Europe Annual Conference, held on 25-27 October 2023 in Ljubljana, Slovenia;
- **Václav Havel Human Rights Prize 2024**: took note of the call for nominations and of the deadline of 30 April 2024 for submitting nominations;
- **Vigdís Prize for Women's Empowerment 2024**: took note of the call for nominations and of the deadline of 15 February 2024 for submitting nominations;
- **Other business**: authorised Ms Arta Billali Zendeli (North Macedonia, SOC), rapporteur for report on *Global rules to eliminate all forms of religious oppression*, to carry-out a fact-finding visit to Bosnia and Herzegovina in 2024 (dates to be confirmed);
- **Next meetings**: confirmed its next meetings as follows:
 - Paris, 18 and 19 (morning) March 2024 (Council of Europe Office);
 - Strasbourg, during the second part-session 2024 of the Assembly (15-19 April);
 - Tirana, June 2024 (Council of Europe Office) (*dates to be confirmed*);
 - Strasbourg, during the third part-session 2024 of the Assembly (24-28 June);
 - Paris, 12 September 2024 (Council of Europe Office);
 - Strasbourg, during the fourth part-session 2024 of the Assembly (30 September - 4 October);
 - Paris, 5 December 2024 (Council of Europe Office).
- **Tuesday, 23 January, from 11.30am to 12.30pm**: held a joint meeting with the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), with Ms Mariia Mezentseva (Ukraine, EPP/CD), Chairperson of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, and Mr Mogens Jensen, First Vice-Chairperson of the Monitoring Committee, in the Chair, as regards:
 - **National minorities in Ukraine: amendments to the Law on national minorities (communities)**: held a hearing with the participation of:
 - Ms Veronika Bílková, member of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission) in respect of the Czech Republic, Vice-President of the Venice Commission, and one of the rapporteurs on the opinion to the Law on national minorities (communities);
 - Mr Ashot Avanesyan, Chair of the Council of national communities of Ukraine (*online*);
 - Ms Olga Stefanishyna, Deputy Prime Minister for European and Euro-Atlantic Integration, Ukraine (*online*).
 - **The situation of national minorities in Ukraine** (*Rapporteur: Ms Elvira Kovács, Serbia, EPP/CD*): took note of the resignation of Ms Elvira Kovács from her mandate of rapporteur.

The Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence, meeting in Strasbourg, on 24 January 2024, from 1.15pm to 2pm, with Ms Etilda Gjonaj (Albania, SOC), Co-ordinator of the Network, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Reflecting on progress: a decade of implementing the Istanbul Convention in Europe**: held an exchange of views with Ms Aleid Van Den Brink, First Vice-President of the Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO).

Penelope Denu, Carolina Lasén Diaz, Élodie Fischer, Nathan Ménoret, Louise Morlon

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Appendix 1

Sub-Committee on Gender Equality
Sous-commission sur l'égalité de genre
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Sub-Committee on the Rights of Minorities
Sous-commission sur les droits des minorités
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Appendix 3

Sub-Committee on Disability, Multiple and Intersectional Discrimination

Sous-commission sur le handicap, la discrimination multiple et intersectionnelle

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Appendix 4

Ad hoc Sub-Committee to participate in the CSW 68
Sous-commission ad hoc pour participer à la CSW 68
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