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

Synopsis

of the meetings held in Strasbourg on 23-26 January 2023

The Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, meeting in Strasbourg from 23-26 January 2023, with first Ms Andrea Eder-Gitschthaler (Austria, EPP/CD), oldest member present, then with Ms Mariia Mezentseva (Ukraine, EPP/CD), Chairperson, in the Chair:

- **Monday 23 January, from 2.15 to 3.15pm**, as regards:
 - **Election of the Bureau of the Committee:**
 - elected by acclamation Ms Mariia Mezentseva (Ukraine, EPP/CD), as Chairperson;
 - re-elected by acclamation Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo (Monaco, ALDE), as First Vice-Chairperson;
 - elected by acclamation Ms Mai Kivelä (Finland, UEL), as Second Vice-Chairperson;
 - re-elected by acclamation Mr Fourat Ben Chikha (Belgium, SOC), as Third Vice-Chairperson.
 - **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;
 - **Innovative approaches to sexual and reproductive health and rights** (*Rapporteur: Ms Petra Stienen, Netherlands, ALDE*): approved a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution;
 - **Tuesday, 24 January, from 8.30am to 10am**, as regards:
 - **Conflict-related sexual violence** (*Rapporteur: Ms Petra Bayr, Austria, SOC*): took position on 12 amendments and 3 oral sub-amendments to the draft resolution and asked its Chairperson to propose that the amendments unanimously approved be declared as adopted by the Assembly under Rule 34.11 of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure;
 - **Terms of reference of General Rapporteurs:** approved the updated terms of reference of the General Rapporteur on the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) people, to be transmitted to the Bureau of the Assembly;
 - **Work programme:** took note of the work programme;
 - **Appointment of General Rapporteurs:** appointed:
 - Mr Even Eriksen (Norway, SOC) as General Rapporteur on violence against women;
 - Ms Petra Bayr (Austria, SOC) as General Rapporteur on combating racism and intolerance;
 - Mr Christophe Lacroix (Belgium, SOC) as General Rapporteur on the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) people;
- and heard from them their declarations of absence of conflict of interest;

- **Appointment of rapporteurs for report:**
 - following a vote, appointed Ms Margreet de Boer (Netherlands, SOC) as rapporteur for report on *The reintegration of persons trapped in prostitution and human trafficking survivors*;
 - appointed by acclamation Ms Petra Bayr (Austria, SOC) as rapporteur for report on *Protecting women human rights defenders and people who defend women's rights in Europe*;and heard from them their declarations of absence of conflict of interest;
 - **Declarations of absence of conflict of interest of rapporteurs for report:** heard declarations of absence of conflict of interest by:
 - Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE), rapporteur for report on *Institutional racism of law enforcement authorities against Roma and Travellers*;
 - Mr Christophe Lacroix (Belgium, SOC), rapporteur for report on *Freedom of expression and assembly of LGBTI people in Europe*;
 - **Gender representation in the Parliamentary Assembly:** heard a statement by the Chairperson and held an exchange of views on the gender breakdown in Assembly positions in 2022 and on the implementation of PACE Resolution 2394 (2021);
 - **Commission on the Status of Women (CSW 67) (New York, United States, 6 - 17 March 2023):** decided to set up an *ad hoc* Sub-Committee to participate in the 67th session of the CSW, subject to authorisation by the Bureau of the Assembly (*at no cost to the Assembly*);
- **Wednesday, 25 January, from 2 to 3pm, as regards:**
- **Women in the economy: employment, entrepreneurship and gender budgeting** (*Rapporteur: Ms Sena Nur Çelik, Türkiye, NR*); postponed the item to a future meeting, in the absence of the rapporteur;
 - **Closing the digital divide: promoting equal access to digital technologies** (*Rapporteur: Ms Edite Estrela, Portugal, SOC*): considered an information memorandum;
 - **Freedom of expression and assembly of LGBTI people in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Mr Christophe Lacroix, Belgium, SOC*): considered an introductory memorandum and authorised the rapporteur to carry out a fact-finding visit to Hungary (*subject to the availability of funds*);
 - **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 2023;
 - **Commission on the Status of Women (CSW 67) (New York, United States, 6 - 17 March 2023):** approved the composition of the *ad hoc* Sub-Committee to participate in the event as set out in appendix 4;
- **Thursday, 26 January, from 8.30 to 10am, as regards:**
- **Promoting equal access to justice:** held a hearing with the participation of:
 - Ms Caterina Bolognese, Head of Gender Equality Division, Directorate General of Democracy and Human Dignity (DII), Council of Europe;
 - Ms Oana Tabă, Senior Project Manager, Roma and Travellers Team, Directorate General of Democracy and Human Dignity (DGII), Council of Europe;
 - **Steering Committee on Anti-Discrimination, Diversity and Inclusion (CDADI), Council of Europe:** held an exchange of views with Ms Sophie Élizéon, President of the CDADI;
 - **Appointment of representatives:**
 - appointed Mr Christophe Lacroix (Belgium, SOC), General rapporteur on the rights of LGBTI people, to address the conference on *Advancing the human rights of intersex people* hosted in the framework of Iceland's Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe and organised by the SOGI Unit in co-operation with the Permanent Representation of Iceland, on 26 January 2023, in Strasbourg (France) (*at no cost to the Assembly*);
 - appointed Ms Petra Stienen (Netherlands, ALDE) to participate in the EIGE workshop on the Role of Men, Boys and Masculinities in Gender Equality research and policies on 10 February 2023 in Vilnius, Lithuania (*at no cost to the Assembly*);
 - invited members interested in participating in the parliamentary seminar *Women's economic empowerment*, on 22 February 2023, in Rabat, Morocco, to contact the secretariat (*subject to the availability of funds*);

- **Activities of the Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence, the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance and the Parliamentary Platform for the rights of LGBTI people in Europe:** heard communications by the General Rapporteurs;
- **Reporting back:** heard a report from Mr Christophe Lacroix (Belgium, SOC), for his participation in the Annual Conference of ILGA Europe, in Sofia on 19-22 October 2022;
- **Václav Havel Human Rights Prize 2023: call for nominations:** took note of the call for nominations and of the deadline of 30 April 2023 for submitting nominations;
- **Next meetings:** at the invitation of the Chairperson of the Moroccan delegation, decided to hold a meeting in 2023 in Marrakech (Morocco) (*subject to the authorisation of the Bureau*) and confirmed its next meetings as follows:

Committee

- Paris, 24 March 2023 (Council of Europe Office);
- Strasbourg, during the second part-session 2023 of the Assembly (24-28 April);
- Paris, 12 May 2023 (Council of Europe Office);
- Strasbourg, during the third part-session 2023 of the Assembly (19-23 June);
- Marrakech, September 2023 (*date tbc*);
- Strasbourg, during the fourth part-session 2023 of the Assembly (9-13 October);
- Paris, 7 December 2023 (Council of Europe Office).

Ad Hoc Sub-Committee to participate in the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW67)

- New York, United States, 6 March 2023

Sub-Committee on the Rights of Minorities

- Strasbourg, during the second part-session 2023 of the Assembly (24-28 April)

Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence

- London, 13 March 2023

No Hate Parliamentary Alliance

- Vienna, 8 May 2023

Parliamentary Platform for the rights of LGBTI people in Europe

- Brussels, 22 May 2023

The Sub-Committee on Gender Equality, meeting in Strasbourg on 25 January 2023 from 3 to 3.10pm, with Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE), oldest member present, and then Konul Nurullayeva (Azerbaijan, EC/DA), Vice-Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of the Bureau of the Sub-Committee:**
 - re-elected by acclamation Ms Maryna Bardina (Ukraine, ALDE) as Chairperson;
 - elected by acclamation Ms Konul Nurullayeva (Azerbaijan, EC/DA) as Vice-Chairperson;
- **Next meeting:** left it to its Chairperson to propose the date and place of the next meeting.

The Sub-Committee on the Rights of Minorities, meeting in Strasbourg on 25 January 2023 from 3.10 to 3.20pm, Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE), oldest member present, and then Ms Elvira Kovács (Serbia, EPP/CD), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of the Bureau of the Sub-Committee:**
 - re-elected by acclamation Ms Elvira Kovács (Serbia, EPP/CD) as Chairperson;
 - postponed the election of Vice-Chairperson due to a lack of candidates;
- **Next meeting:** decided to hold its next meeting during the April part-session.

The Sub-Committee on Disability and Multiple and Intersectional Discrimination, meeting in Strasbourg on 25 January 2023 from 3.20 to 3.30pm, with Ms Els van Hoof (Belgium, EPP/CD), oldest member present, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of the Bureau of the Sub-Committee:**
 - re-elected by acclamation Mr Anastasios Chatzivasileiou (Greece, EPP/CD) as Chairperson;
 - postponed the election of Vice-Chairperson due to a lack of candidates;
- **Next meeting:** left it to its Chairperson to propose the date and place of the next meeting.

Penelope Denu, Sarah Burton, Giorgio Loddo, Élodie Fischer, Solène Falk

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Appendix 1**Sub-Committee on Gender Equality
Sous-commission sur l'égalité de genre****List of members / Liste des membres****Chairperson / Président·e**

BARDINA, Maryna [Ms] Ukraine

Vice-Chairperson / Vice-Président·e

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Full Members / Titulaires

LÓPEZ, Pere [M.] Andorra / Andorre
 BAYR, Petra [Ms] Austria / Autriche
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 TSILOSANI, Khatia [Ms] Georgia / Géorgie
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 FRESKO-ROLFO, Béatrice [Mme] Monaco
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 KOVÁCS, Elvira [Ms] Serbia / Serbie
 CASTEL, Laura [Ms] Spain / Espagne
 MARRA, Ada [Mme] Switzerland / Suisse
 ÇELİK, Sena Nur [Ms] Türkiye
 BARDINA, Maryna [Ms] Ukraine
 OSBORNE, Kate [Ms] United Kingdom /
 Royaume-Uni

Alternates / Remplaçant·e·s

LACROIX, Christophe [M.]
 SPELLERBERG Merle [Ms]
 KAIRIDIS, Dimitrios [Mr]
 O'REILLY, Joseph [Mr]
 NOWACKA, Barbara [Ms]
 ȚUȚUIANU, Marius-Horia [Mr]
 FILIPOVSKI, Dubravka [Ms]
 PEÑA, Esther [Ms]
 GRIN, Jean-Pierre [M.]
 KRAVCHUK, Yevheniia [Ms]

Ex officio

Mme Mariia MEZENTSEVA, Chairperson of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination /
 Présidente de la Commission sur l'égalité et la non-discrimination

Appendix 2

**Sub-Committee on the Rights of Minorities
Sous-commission sur les droits des minorités**

List of members/ Liste des membres

Chairperson / Président·e

KOVÁCS, Elvira [Ms] Serbia / Serbie

Vice-Chairperson / Vice-Président·e

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BAYR, Petra [Ms]

Austria / Autriche

MAMIJANYAN, Hayk [Mr]

Armenia / Arménie

NURULLAYEVA, Konul [Ms]

Azerbaijan / Azerbaïdjan

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LORER Daniel [Mr]

Bulgaria / Bulgarie

SEPASHVILI, Eka [Ms]

Georgia / Géorgie

TÜRK-NACHBAUR, Derya [Ms]

Germany / Allemagne

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Greece / Grèce

O'REILLY, Joseph [Mr]

Ireland / Irlande

LYDEKA, Arminas [Mr]

Lithuania / Lituanie

LORSCHÉ, Josée [Mme]

Luxembourg

SEKULIĆ, Predrag [Mr]

Montenegro / Monténégro

NOWACKA, Barbara [Ms]

Poland / Pologne

ESTRELA, Edite [Ms]

Portugal

GORGHIU, Alina-Ştefania [Ms]

Romania / Roumanie

KOVÁCS, Elvira [Ms]

Serbia / Serbie

PEÑA, Esther [Ms]

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GRIN, Jean-Pierre [M.]

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SHARMA, Virendra [Mr]

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HUSEYNOV, Rafael [Mr]

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KAIRIDIS, Dimitrios [Mr]

BOTOND, Csoma [Mr]

GUGGER, Niklaus-Samuel [M.]

MURRAY, Sheryll [Ms]

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Appendix 3

Sub-Committee on Disability, Multiple and Intersectional Discrimination *Sous-commission sur le handicap, la discrimination multiple et intersectionnelle*

List of members / *Liste des membres*

Chairperson / *Président·e*

CHATZIVASILEIOU, Anastasios [Mr] Greece / *Grèce*

Vice-Chairperson / *Vice-Président·e*

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Full Members / *Titulaires*

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Germany / *Allemagne*

Greece / *Grèce*

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HEINRICH, Gabriela [Ms]

PAPANDREOU, George [Mr]

O'REILLY, Joseph [Mr]

COZMANCIUC, Corneliu-Mugurel [Mr]

BÜCHEL, Roland Rino [Mr]

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Appendix 4

Ad hoc Sub-Committee to participate in the CSW 67 Sous-commission ad hoc pour participer à la CSW 67

List of members / Liste des membres

1. Mr Fourat BEN CHIKHA (Belgium, SOC)
2. Ms Margreet De BOER (Netherlands, SOC)
3. Ms Zita GURMAI (Hungary, SOC)
4. Ms Mariia MEZENTSEVA (Ukraine, EPP/CD)
5. Ms Petra STIENEN (Netherlands, ALDE)

Secretariat / Secrétariat:

Ms Penelope DENU, Head of the Secretariat of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination / Cheffe du Secrétariat de la Commission sur l'égalité et la non-discrimination