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

Revised synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 12 October 2023

The Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, meeting in Strasbourg on Thursday, 12 October 2023, with first Ms Olena Khomenko (Ukraine, EC/DA), second Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, and then Mr Simon Moutquin (Belgium, SOC), newly elected Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- elected by acclamation Mr Simon Moutquin (Belgium, SOC), Chairperson;
- **Preventing addictive behaviours in children** (*Rapporteur: Ms Diana Stoica, Romania, ALDE*): noted that no amendments were tabled to the draft resolution and the draft recommendation in preparation for the joint debate in the Assembly on 13 October 2023;
- **Mental health and well-being of children and young adults** (*Rapporteur: Mr Simon Moutquin, Belgium, SOC*): noted that no amendments were tabled to the draft resolution and the draft recommendation in preparation for the joint debate in the Assembly on 13 October 2023;
- **Putting human rights back at the heart of medical supply chains**: unanimously adopted a Committee declaration;
- **Committee's work programme and priorities**:
 - appointed rapporteurs as follows:
 - Ms Aurora Floridia (Italy, SOC) as rapporteur on “Analysis and guidelines to guarantee the right to housing and to decent housing” and heard her declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
 - Ms Liliana Tanguy (France, ALDE) as rapporteur *for opinion* on “Globalisation in times of crises and war: The role of OECD since the Russian Federation’s aggression against Ukraine”;
 - issued a call for candidates for a rapporteur on “Social mobilisation, social unrest, and police reaction in Council of Europe member States: need for a new social contract?” and noted that for the General Rapporteur on child participation, Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva (Azerbaijan, EC/DA) and Ms Saskia Kluit (the Netherlands, SOC) were candidates;
 - appointed Committee representatives to external events as follows (*subject to the availability of funds*):
 - ✓ 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 – 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)
 - ✓ 7th plenary meeting of the Committee of the Parties to the Council of Europe Convention on the counterfeiting of medical products and similar crimes involving threats to public health (MEDICRIME Convention), 28-29 November 2023, Strasbourg – Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC)
 - ✓ Award Ceremony of the North-South Prize of the Council of Europe, 14 December 2023 (*date to be confirmed*), Lisbon – Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) and, at no cost to the Assembly, Mr Pedro Cegonho (Portugal, SOC)
 - heard statements from Committee representatives to external events as follows:
 - ✓ Meeting of the Executive Committee of the North-South Centre, 30 June 2023, Strasbourg and online – Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC)

- ✓ Working group on governance, European Committee on Democracy and Governance (CDDG), 21-22 September 2023, Strasbourg – Mr Armen Gevorgyan (Armenia, EC/DA)
- ✓ 39th meeting of the Lanzarote Committee, 26-28 September 2023, Strasbourg/online – Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva (Azerbaijan, EC/DA)
- ✓ 8th meeting of the Drafting Group on Human Rights and Environment (CDDH-ENV), 27-29 September 2023, Strasbourg – Mr Simon Moutquin (Belgium, SOC)
- ✓ Working group on green public administration (GT-A) European Committee on Democracy and Governance (CDDG), 2-3 October 2023 – Mr Armen Gevorgyan (Armenia, EC/DA)
- *World Forum for Democracy, Strasbourg, 6-8 November 2023* : took note of the preparations for the Forum and nominated Ms Ada Marra (Switzerland, SOC) as member of the Bureau's *ad hoc* Committee to participate in the Forum;
- *Conference "Money and Democracy – an Uneasy Relationship (Cologne, 7-8 December 2023)*: was informed on the conference and the intention of the Bureau of the Assembly to set up *ad hoc* Committee to participate in the conference and nominated Mr David Morris (United Kingdom, EC/DA) as member of the Bureau's *ad hoc* Committee;
- **Changes in Sub-Committees**: approved the following changes:
 - Sub-Committee on European Social Charter**: Mr Alexis Tsipras (Greece, UEL) and Ms Gökçe Gökçen (Türkiye, SOC) became full members, and Ms Maria Syrengela (Greece, EPP/CD) became an alternate member;
 - Sub-Committee on Public Health and Sustainable Development**: Ms Saskia Kluit (the Netherlands, SOC), Mr Sevan Sivacioğlu (Türkiye, NR) and Mr Georgios Stamatis (Greece, EPP/CD) became full members, and Ms Maria Syrengela (Greece, EPP/CD) became an alternate member;
 - Sub-Committee on Children**: Ms Anna Efthymiou (Greece, EPP/CD) and Mr Murad Cahid Cingi (Türkiye, NR) became full members, and Mr Georgios Stamatis (Greece, EPP/CD) became an alternate member;
 - Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize**: Ms Maria-Syrengela (Greece, EPP/CD) and Ms Semra Çağlar Gökalp (Türkiye, UEL) became full members, and Mr Alexis Tsipras (Greece, UEL) became an alternate member;
 - Network of Contact Parliamentarians for a healthy environment**: Ms Saskia Kluit (the Netherlands, SOC) and Mr Sevan Sivacioğlu (Türkiye, NR) became full members;
- **Network of Contact Parliamentarians for a healthy environment**: heard a statement by Ms Edite Estrela (Portugal, SOC), Chairperson of the Network, on the meetings held in Paris on 18 September 2023 and on 10 October 2023 in Strasbourg;
- **Other business**:
 - endorsed the proposal to organise a PACE co-operation activity on the situation of the children of Ukraine on 15 December in Paris (Council of Europe office), agreed to ask the Bureau of the Assembly to set up an *ad hoc* Committee to participate in this activity, and took note of the interest of Ms Larysa Bilozir (Ukraine, ALDE), Ms Olena Khomenko (Ukraine, EC/DA), Ms Carmen Leyte (Spain, EPP/CD) and Mr Simon Moutquin (Belgium, SOC) to participate;
 - heard a statement by the Chairperson on the Council of Europe Development Bank and instructed him to write to the President of the Assembly, requesting that the Committee be seized for a report on this matter by the Assembly;
- **Date and place of next meetings**:
 - Plenary Committee*
 - Wednesday, 6 December 2023 (9.45 am – 4.30 pm), Paris (Council of Europe Office)
 - First part of the 2024 session (22-26 January 2024), Strasbourg
 - Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize*
 - Wednesday, 6 December 2023 (9 – 9.45 am), Paris (Council of Europe Office)

Joint meeting of the Network of Contact Parliamentarians for a healthy environment and Women@PACE on Tuesday, 10 October 2023, with Ms Edite Estrela (Portugal, SOC), Chairperson of the Network, and Ms Petra Bayr (Austria, SOC), member of the bureau of the Women@PACE Group, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Breast cancer and the right to a healthy environment:** held an exchange of views with Prof. Carole Mathelin, Head of the Surgery Department, ICANS (Cancer Institute of Strasbourg Europe).

The Network of Contact Parliamentarians for a healthy environment, meeting in Strasbourg, on Thursday, 12 October 2023, with Ms Edite Estrela (Portugal, SOC), Chairperson of the Network, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Follow-up to the Reykjavík Summit: prospects for the “Reykjavík process”, including the setting up of an intergovernmental Committee on environment and human rights (“Reykjavík Committee”):** held an exchange of views with:
 - Mr Bjørn Berge, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe
 - Mr Christos Giakoumopoulos, Director General, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law of the Council of Europe;
- **Work programme and priorities of the Network:** held an exchange of views;
- **Date and place of the next meeting:**
 - Wednesday, 6 December 2023 (4.30-5.30 pm), Paris (Council of Europe Office) *(to be confirmed)*
 - first part of the 2024 session (22-26 January 2024), Strasbourg.

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