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PACE Standing Committee in Monaco H.R.H. Princess of Hanover participates in debate on violence against children

Strasbourg, 26.08.2005 – The Standing Committee of the Council of Europe's Parliamentary Assembly (PACE) will be meeting in Monaco on 1 September – the first time the Council is organising a meeting in that country since admitting it to membership last October.

As President of the World Association of Friends of Children, which was founded by Princess Grace in 1963 and works to protect their physical and moral welfare, H.R.H. Princess of Hanover will be participating in a current affairs debate on violence and all forms of exploitation and abuse of which children are the victims.

The Standing Committee's meeting will be opened by PACE President René van der Linden and Stéphane Valeri, President of the National Council of Monaco. Other agenda highlights will include an exchange of views with Jean-Paul Proust, Monegasque Minister of State, and a debate on promoting the fifth United Nations World Conference on Women.

Note to editors

The meeting will be open to the press.

Place and time:

Hotel Méridien Beach Plaza, Atlantic Room, 11am-1pm and 2.30-5pm.

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* The Standing Committee of the PACE comprises the Bureau (the President and the 20 Vice-Presidents, the Chairs of the five political groups and the 10 committee chairs), as well as the chairs of the national delegations. It normally meets at least twice-yearly, and its main task is to act for the Assembly when the latter is not sitting.

Nordiske medlemmer af den stående komité:

Danmark: Hanne Severinsen (næstformand og delegationsformand)

Finland: Mikko Elo (næstformand og delegationsformand)

Island: Sólveig Pétursdóttir (delagtionsformand)

Norge: Haakon Blankenborg (delegationsformand)

Sverige: Carina Ohlsson (delegationsformand) og Mats Einarsson (gruppeformand - United European Left)

Standing Committee

Draft Agenda

of the meeting to be held on

Thursday 1 September 2005

(from 11 am to 1 pm and from 2.30 to 5 pm)

at the Méridien Beach Plaza Hotel (Atlantic Salon)

22, Avenue Princesse Grace, Monte-Carlo, MC 98000 (Monaco)

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23 August 2005

- 1. Opening of the meeting by Mr René VAN DER LINDEN, President of the Parliamentary Assembly
- 2. Welcome address by Mr Stéphane VALERI, Speaker of the National Council of Monaco
- 3. Exchange of views with Mr Jean-Paul PROUST, Minister of State of Monaco
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Promoting a United Nations 5th World Conference on women

Doc. 10643

Rapporteur of the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men:

Mrs Lydie Err (Luxembourg, SOC)

Debate

Vote on a draft recommendation

14. Culture, Science and Education

Education for Leisure Activities

Doc. 10647

Rapporteur of the Committee on Culture, Science and Education:

Mr Jerzy Smorawinski (Poland, EPP/CD)

Dehate

Vote on a draft recommendation

15. Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs

The Curonian spit, oil and the environment

Doc. 10638

Rapporteur of the Committee on Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs:

Mr Daniel Goulet (France, ALDE)

Debate

Vote on a draft resolution

16. Rules of Procedure and Immunities

Membership of past Presidents of the Parliamentary Assembly in the Political Affairs Committee (Rule 18.3)

Doc. 10644

Rapporteur of the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Immunities:

Mr Gerd Höfer (Germany, SOC)

Dehate

Vote on a draft resolution

17. Other business

18. Date and place of the next meeting:

Friday 25 November 2005, Bucharest (Romania)

N.B.: Members who wish to speak in one of the debates on the reports are invited to give their name to the Table Office. Members who wish to present amendments and sub-amendments on the reports are invited to table them in writing with the Table Office as soon as possible.

[1] In a letter dated 5 August 2005, the Chairperson of the delegation of Monaco requested that a current affairs debate be held on "violence and all forms of exploitation and abuse with respect to children".