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## **To the members of the Ad Hoc Sub-Committee to visit reception facilities for migrants on the island of Kos (Greece)**

*Of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*

### **Synopsis of the meeting held in Kos, Greece on 24-25 October 2015**

The *Ad Hoc Sub-Committee to visit reception facilities for migrants on the island of Kos (Greece)*, meeting in Kos, with **Ms Doris Fiala** (Switzerland, ALDE) in the Chair,

- **on Saturday 24 October 2015**, as regards:
  - ***Field visit to the coast of disembarkation for refugees and migrants:*** visited the coast at Psalidi;
  - ***Meeting with newly-arrived refugees and migrants:*** met newly-arrived refugees and migrants;
  - ***Meeting with representatives of the humanitarian community:*** met Mr Georgos Chertofilis (Kos Solidarity), Mr Elias Svinos (Apostoli), Ms Valerie Stahl (Kos Refugees Need Your Help), Ms Elisa Galli (*Médecins sans Frontières*), Ms Heather Lorenzen (Mercy Corps), Mr Steph Van Namen (Refugee Boat Foundation), Mr Rob Linkez (International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies), and Ms Hannah Simon and Mr Angelos Kallini (UNHCR);
  - ***Meeting with mayors and municipal councillors of islands experiencing mass arrivals of refugees and migrants:*** met Mr Giorgos Kyritsis, Mayor of Kos, Mr Fotis Chatzidiakos, Mayor of Rhodes, Mr Michael Koliass, Mayor of Leros, and Mr Evagelos Kotoros, Mayor of Agathonisi, as well as Mr Yiannis Diamadis and Mr Sakelaris Tiliakis, members of the municipal council of Kalymnos;
  - ***Meeting with local authorities:*** met Mr Giorgos Chalkidios, Governor of Kos, and Mr Giorgos Georgakakos, Director of Police of Kos;
  - ***Meeting with representatives of the local business community:*** met representatives of the local business community;
- **on Sunday, 25 October 2015**, as regards:
  - ***Field visit to administrative, humanitarian aid and accommodation facilities:*** visited the coast guard/ Frontex registration facility, the police station finger-printing and documentation facility, the *Médecins sans Frontières* mobile clinic and nearby refugees' and migrants' informal encampment, and the Captain Elias Hotel (formerly used as informal accommodation).

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