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To the members of the Standing Committee

Synopsis of the meeting held in Rome, Italy on 25 and 26 November 2021

The **Standing Committee**, meeting on 25 and 26 November 2021 in Rome, with first Mr Rik Daems, President of the Assembly, and then Mr Andreas Nick, Mr John Howell and Ms Laima Liucija Andrikienė, Vice-presidents of the Assembly, in the Chair:

- heard welcome addresses by Mr Roberto Fico, President of the Chamber of Deputies, and Ms Maria Elisabetta Alberti Casellati, President of the Senate;
- held an exchange of views with Mr Luigi Di Maio, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italian Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe;
- ratified the credentials of new members of the Assembly submitted by the delegations of Croatia, Denmark, Luxembourg, Malta, Norway and Ukraine;
- approved changes in the composition of Assembly committees;
- took note of the preliminary draft agenda of the first part-session of the Assembly (24-28 January 2022);
- took note of the report of the Ad hoc Committee of the Bureau on the observation of the parliamentary elections in Morocco (8 September 2021);
- held an exchange of views in the framework of the event on “Marking the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women: the role of men in stopping gender-based violence” and heard contributions by Mr Michele Nicoletti, Professor at the University of Trento, Member of the Italian network on the Istanbul Convention, and Ms Simona Lanzoni, Vice-President of the Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence of the Council of Europe (GREVIO);
- held a current affairs debate on “The situation of migrants on the border of Poland and Belarus”;
- heard a statement by Ms Grainne O’Hara, UNHCR’s Director for International Protection, in the framework of the debate on “70th anniversary of the 1951 Refugee Convention: the Council of Europe and the international protection of refugees”;
- adopted the following texts on behalf of the Assembly:

Resolution 2405 (2021)

Revision of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Parliamentary Assembly

Resolution 2406 (2021)

Fighting corruption – General principles of political responsibility

Resolution 2407 (2021)	Celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Geneva conventions: the contribution of the Council of Europe to the increasing synergy between International Humanitarian Law and International Human Rights
Resolution 2408 (2021)	70th anniversary of the 1951 Refugee Convention: the Council of Europe and the international protection of refugees
Resolution 2409 (2021)	Voluntary relocation of migrants in need of humanitarian protection and voluntary resettlement of refugees
Resolution 2410 (2021)	Best interests of the child and policies to ensure a work-life balance
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Resolution 2411 (2021)	The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on education and culture
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Resolution 2412 (2021)	Gender aspects and human rights implications of pornography
Resolution 2413 (2021)	Discrimination against Roma and Travellers in the field of housing

- decided to hold its next meeting in Berlin on 11 March 2022 (*venue and format to be confirmed, depending on the evolution of the health situation*).

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