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To the members of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons

Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 25, 26 and 28 June 2012

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, meeting in Strasbourg, with Mr Giacomo Santini (Italy, EPP/CD) in the Chair,

- on Monday 25 June 2012 at 2 p.m., as regards:
 - **Draft motion for a resolution presented on behalf of the Committee:** approved a motion for a resolution on “the war between Georgia and Russia: the humanitarian situation in the war-affected areas” with a view to its tabling, appointed Ms Tina Acketoft (Sweden, ALDE), Rapporteur, subject to the referral of the motion to the Committee by the Bureau, and authorised the rapporteur to carry out a fact-finding visit to Moscow and South Ossetia, Georgia, also subject to the referral of the motion by the Bureau;
 - **The portrayal of migrants and refugees during election campaigns (Rapporteur: Ms Daphné Dumery, Belgium, NR):** decided to table an amendment to the French title to replace “L’utilisation des migrants et des réfugiés pendant les campagnes électorales” by “Image des migrants et des réfugiés véhiculée pendant les campagnes électorales” ;
 - **Multiple discrimination against Muslim women in Europe: for equal opportunities (Rapporteur for opinion: Ms Tülin Erkal Kara, Turkey, EPP/CD):** considered and approved a draft opinion;
 - **Presentation of Amnesty International’s Campaign: S.O.S. Europe: Human Rights and migration control:** held an exchange of views on the basis of a statement by Ms Anneliese Baldaccini, Executive Officer on Asylum and Migration, Amnesty International;
 - **Media box during the session:** held an exchange of views on the basis of a statement by Ms Micaela Catalano, Head of the PACE Communication Division;
- on Tuesday 26 June 2012 at 2 p.m., as regards:
 - **The portrayal of migrants and refugees during election campaigns (Rapporteur: Ms Daphné Dumery, Belgium, NR):** took position on the amendments tabled to the draft resolution;
 - **Composition of sub-committees:** approved the following change:
 - **Sub-Committee on Detention:** Ms Annette Groth (Germany, UEL) to become a member;
 - **Management of mixed migration and asylum challenges beyond the European Union’s Eastern border (Rapporteur: Mr Andrea Rigoni, Italy, ALDE):** held an exchange of views on the basis of a statement by Mr Oldrich Andrysek, UNHCR Regional Representative for Ukraine, Belarus and the Republic of Moldova;

- **FRONTEX and human rights implications of Europe’s border security** (*Rapporteur: Mr Mikael Cederbratt, Sweden, EPP/CD*): held an exchange of views on the basis of a statement by the rapporteur on his meeting with the Ombudsman of the European Union;
- **Statement by Dr Manfred Schmidt, President of the German Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF)**: held an exchange of views;
- **on Thursday 28 June 2012 at 8.30 a.m.**, as regards:
 - **Roma migrants in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Ms Annette Groth, Germany, UEL*): took position on the amendments tabled to the draft recommendation;
 - **The arrival of large numbers or irregular migrants to Italian coastal areas as a result of tensions in the Southern Mediterranean countries** (*Rapporteur: Mr Christopher Chope, United Kingdom, EDG*): held an exchange of views on the basis of a statement by Ms Marie-Odile Wiederkehr, CIMADE, and authorised the rapporteur to carry out a fact-finding visit to Italy (Rome and Sicily);
 - **Integration tests for migrants: a step forward or back?** (*Rapporteur: Ms Tineke Strik, Netherlands, SOC*): held an exchange of views on the basis of statements by:
 - ✓ Mr Nikolaos Sitaropoulos, Deputy to the Director of the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe
 - ✓ Mr Stephanos Stavros, Executive Secretary of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI)
 - ✓ Mr Sergey Khrychikov, Migration Co-ordination Division of the Council of Europe
 - **Integration of migrants: is Europe failing?** (*Rapporteur: Ms Pelin Gündeş Bakir, Turkey, EDG*): authorised the rapporteur to carry out a fact-finding visit to Germany;
 - **Appointment of rapporteurs:**
 - *Trafficking of migrant workers for forced labour: time for a closer look*: Ms Annette Groth (Germany, UEL) (former rapporteur: Mr Titus Corlăţean, Romania, SOC)
 - *Missing persons from Europe’s conflicts: the long road to finding humanitarian answers*: Mr Jim Sheridan (United Kingdom, SOC) (former rapporteur: Mr Jim Hood, United Kingdom, SOC)
 - **Draft motion presented on behalf of the Committee:**
 - approved a motion for a resolution on “Resettlement of refugees: an efficient tool for greater solidarity in Europe” with a view to its tabling;
 - **World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 5-11 October 2012)**: appointed Mr António Braga (Portugal, SOC) and Mr Rovshan Rzayev (Azerbaijan, EPP/CD) to become members of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Bureau;
 - **Representation of the Committee:**
 - appointed Ms Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC) to present her report “Lives lost in the Mediterranean Sea: who is responsible?” to the Human Rights Committee, Senate of Italy, Rome, on 4 July 2012 (at no cost to the Assembly);
 - appointed Ms Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC) to present her report “Lives lost in the Mediterranean Sea: who is responsible?” to the Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS), Brussels, on 6 July 2012 (subject to the availability of funds);
 - appointed Ms Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC) to participate in a meeting in the framework of the *Mostra del Cinema* and the showing of film “Mare Chiuso” in Venice on 31 August 2012 (subject to the availability of funds) with the participation of Mr Giacomo Santini (Italy, EPP/CD) (at no cost to the Assembly);

- **Representation of the Committee - statements:**
 - Workshop on “Using legal strategies to enforce undocumented migrants’ human rights” organised by the Platform for International Co-operation on Undocumented Migrants (PICUM), Brussels, on 15 June 2012: heard a statement by Ms Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC);
 - European Forum for integration on family reunification organised by the European Commission, Brussels, on 31 May – 1 June 2012: heard a statement by Ms Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC);
- **Next meetings:**
 - Paris, 14 September 2012
 - Strasbourg, during the Assembly’s 4th part-session of 2012 (1-5 October)
 - Paris or Geneva, 4 December 2012 (tbc) and for Geneva (*subject to the Bureau’s authorisation*)

The Sub-Committee on Detention, meeting in Strasbourg on 27 June 2012, with Mr Mikael Cederbratt (Sweden, EPP/CD) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of a Vice-Chairperson:** elected Ms Annette Groth (Germany, UEL) by acclamation;
- **Outline for the guidelines for Parliamentarians on visiting places of detention of irregular migrants and asylum seekers:** held an exchange of views on the basis of a statement by Mr Michael Kellett, Consultant working with the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT) and the Association for the Prevention of Torture (APT);
- **Next meeting:** left it to its Chairperson to convene the next meeting.

The Sub-Committee on Co-operation with non European countries of origin and transit, meeting in Strasbourg on 27 June 2012, with Mr Tadeusz Iwiński (Poland, SOC) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of a Vice-Chairperson:** elected Mr Cezar Florin Preda (Romania, EPP/CD) by acclamation;
- **Diaspora and Integration:** held an exchange of views on the basis of a statement by Dr Mokhtar Ghambou, Member of the Parliament of Morocco;
- **Council of Europe relations with non-member states:** held an exchange of views on the basis of a statement by Mr Jiří Vogl, Head of the Department of Relations with International Organisations and non-member states, Directorate of External Relations;
- **Next meeting:** left it to its Chairperson to convene the next meeting.

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