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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 and 27 June 2013

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

- on Tuesday 25 June 2013 at 8.30 a.m., as regards:
 - **Syrian refugees in Jordan, Turkey, Lebanon and Iraq: how to organise and support international assistance?** (Rapporteur: Mr Jean-Marie Bockel, France, EPP/CD): authorised the Rapporteur to carry out a fact-finding visit to Turkey and Lebanon in the framework of the preparation of his report (subject to authorisation by the Bureau);
 - **Equal access to health care** (Rapporteur for opinion: Mr Mikael Cederbratt, Sweden, EPP/CD): approved a draft opinion;
 - **Migrants and refugees and the fight against AIDS** (Rapporteur: Ms Doris Fiala, Switzerland, ALDE): examined the summary of replies to the questionnaire on “Migrants and Refugees and the fight against HIV/AIDS in Europe”, heard a statement by the Rapporteur on the fact-finding mission to Portugal (20-21 May 2013), and authorised the Rapporteur to carry out a fact-finding visit to Ukraine in the framework of the preparation of her report;
 - **Migrants and health**: held an exchange of views with the participation of Dr Kristian Kunz and Ms Rahima Yennar, Social Worker, Nephrology (NHC) and AURAL of *Hôpital Civil*, Strasbourg, and decided to examine further this issue;
 - **Immigration detention of children** (Rapporteur: Mr Peter van Dijk, Netherlands, NR): considered an outline for a report;
 - **World Forum for Democracy, Strasbourg, 27-29 November 2013**: heard information from the Secretariat on the proposed draft programme;
 - **Replies from the Committee of Ministers to texts adopted by the Assembly presented by the Committee**: considered the reply to Recommendation 2003 (2012) on “Roma migrants in Europe”;
- on Tuesday 25 June 2013 at 2 p.m., as regards:
 - **International Trust Fund for Demining and Mine Victims’ Assistance (ITF), Slovenia**: held an exchange of views with Mr Dorijan Maršič, Director of ITF;

- **The “left-to-die boat”: actions and reactions** (Rapporteur: Ms Tineke Strik, Netherlands, SOC): held a hearing with the participation of:
 - Mr Abu Kurke, Survivor;
 - Mr Gonzalo Boye, Lawyer, Professor of Procedure Law at the Madrid Bar Association;
 - Mr Emiliano Giovine, Lawyer and PhD Researcher, Netherlands Institute for the Law of the Sea (NILOS);
- **on Thursday 27 June 2013 at 8.30 a.m.**, as regards:

With first Mr Giacomo Santini (Italy, EPP/CD) and then Ms Anne-Mari Virolainen (Finland, EPP/CD) in the Chair,

- **Election:** following the resignation of Mr Giacomo Santini, elected Ms Anne-Mari Virolainen (Finland, EPP/CD) by acclamation as Chair of the Committee;
- **Paid tribute** to Mr Giacomo Santini, former Chair of the Committee;
- **The arrival of mixed migratory flows to Italian coastal areas** (Rapporteur: Mr Christopher Chope, United Kingdom, EDG): heard a statement by the Rapporteur;
- **Missing persons from Europe’s conflicts: the long road to finding humanitarian answers** (Rapporteur: Mr Jim Sheridan, United Kingdom, SOC): approved a draft report and adopted unanimously a draft resolution; decided to invite the President of the ICRC to address the Assembly during the presentation of the report, and asked the Chair to address a letter to the President of the Assembly in this regard; furthermore, decided to include in that letter a request to explore the possibility of displaying images during the presentation of the Rapporteur at the debate in the hemicycle;
- **Unaccompanied migrant children: what rights at 18?** (Rapporteur: Ms Mailis Reps, Estonia, ALDE): considered an introductory memorandum, heard a statement by the Rapporteur on the fact-finding mission to Budapest (14-15 January 2013), and held an exchange of views with the participation of:
 - Ms Gaëlle Le Guern, Head of Education Department, Oberholz Shelter;
 - Mr Emin Mammadli, Member of the Council of Europe Advisory Council on Youth;
 - Mr Olivier Beer, UNHCR representative to the European Institutions in Strasbourg;
- **Conference on Integration, March 2014 (tbc):** took note of the information provided by the Secretariat;
- **Composition of the Sub-Committees:** approved the following changes:
 - Sub-Committee on Integration
 - Mr Mladen Bojanić (Montenegro, SOC) to become a titular member
 - Sub-Committee on Co-operation with non-European countries of origin and transit
 - Mr Mladen Bojanić (Montenegro, SOC) to become a titular member
- **Appointment of Rapporteurs:**
 - **Criminalisation of irregular migrants: a crime without victim:** agreed to postpone till the next meeting a vote on the appointment of a Rapporteur;
 - **Chinese migration to Europe: challenges and opportunities:** in his absence, appointed Mr Thierry Mariani (France, EPP/CD) pending a declaration of absence of conflict of interest from him at the next meeting;
- **Other business:**
 - decided to ask the Bureau to extend the mandate of the following three reports by six months:
 - The arrival of mixed migratory flows to Italian coastal areas (Rapporteur: Mr Christopher Chope, United Kingdom, EDG);
 - Alternatives to Europe’s sub-standard IDP collective centres (Rapporteur: Mr René Rouquet, France, SOC); and
 - Unaccompanied migrant children: what rights at 18? (Rapporteur: Ms Mailis Reps, Estonia, ALDE);

- received the resignation of Mr Peter van Dijk (Netherlands, NR) as Rapporteur for “Immigration detention of children”; appointed Ms Tinatin Bokuchava (Georgia, EPP/CD) as his replacement and heard from her a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;

– **Next meetings:**

- **Paris**, 10 September 2013
- **Strasbourg**, during the 4th part-session 2013 (30 September – 4 October)
- **Paris**, 20 November 2013 (tbc)
- **Paris**, March 2014 – Conference on Integration (tbc)

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