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

Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 27, 29 and 30 January 2014

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, meeting in Strasbourg, with first Mr Tadeusz Iwiński (Poland, SOC), oldest person present, and then Mr Thierry Mariani (France, EPP/CD) and Mr René Rouquet (France, SOC) in the Chair,

- on Monday, 27 January 2014 at 2 p.m., as regards:
 - **Election of the Committee's Bureau:** elected Mr Thierry Mariani (France, EPP/CD) Chairperson by acclamation;
 - **Appointment of Rapporteurs:**
 - **Integration of migrants: is Europe failing?:** appointed Ms Marietta Karamanli (France, SOC) as Rapporteur and heard from her a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
 - **The arrival of large numbers of irregular migrants to Italian coastal areas as a result of tensions in the Southern Mediterranean countries:** appointed Mr Christopher Chope (United Kingdom, EDG) as Rapporteur and authorised him to carry out a fact-finding visit to Italy, subject to the availability of financial resources by the Assembly;
 - **Political participation for migrant Diaspora:** appointed Mr Andrea Rigoni (Italy, ALDE) as Rapporteur and heard from him a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
 - **Constitution of the Sub-Committees:** decided to reconstitute the following Sub-Committees:
 - Sub-Committee on Integration,
 - Sub-Committee on Detention,
 - Sub-Committee on Co-operation with non European countries of origin and transit,and decided to reconstitute the *ad hoc* Sub-Committee on large-scale arrival of irregular migrants, asylum-seekers and refugees on Europe's Southern shores;
 - **Alternatives to Europe's sub-standard IDP collective centres** (Rapporteur: Mr René Rouquet, France, SOC): considered a preliminary draft report;
 - **The "left-to-die boat": actions and reactions** (Rapporteur: Ms Tineke Strik, Netherlands, SOC): held an exchange of views with Mr Giulio di Blasi, representative of the EU Task Force Mediterranean, European Commission, DG Home Affairs and considered an outline for a report;

- on **Wednesday, 29 January 2014 at 2 p.m.**, as regards:
 - **Election of the Committee's Bureau:** elected:
 - Ms Tülin Erkal Kara (Turkey, EDG) 1st Vice-Chairperson by acclamation;
 - Mr René Rouquet (France, SOC) 2nd Vice-Chairperson by acclamation;
 - Ms Anne-Mari Virolainen (Finland, EPP/CD) 3rd Vice-Chairperson by acclamation;
 - **Composition of the Sub-Committees:** agreed the composition of the three Sub-Committees as well as the *ad hoc* Sub-Committee on large-scale arrival of irregular migrants, asylum seekers and refugees on Europe's Southern shores (see appendix);
 - **Syrian refugees: how to organise and support international assistance?** (Rapporteur: Mr Jean-Marie Bockel, France, EPP/CD): took position on the amendments tabled to the draft resolution;
 - **Migrants: ensuring they are a benefit for European host societies** (Rapporteur: Ms Athina Kyriakidou, Cyprus, SOC): took position on the amendments tabled to the draft resolution;
 - **Immigration detention of children** (Rapporteur: Ms Tinatin Bokuchava, Georgia, EPP/CD): heard a statement by the rapporteur and authorised her to carry out a fact-finding visit to Sweden, subject to the availability of financial resources by the Assembly;
 - **Access to nationality and the effective implementation of the European Convention on Nationality** (Rapporteur for opinion: Mr Rafael Huseynov, Azerbaijan, ALDE): approved a draft opinion;
 - **Political participation for migrant diaspora** (Rapporteur: Mr Andrea Rigoni, Italy, ALDE): considered an outline for a report, decided to modify the title of the report as follows: "Democratic participation for migrant diaspora" and appointed the rapporteur to participate in a High-Level Conference on "Diaspora and Development" organised by the Crans Montana Forum in Brussels on 20 February 2014, subject to the availability of financial resources by the Assembly;
 - **Resettlement of refugees: an efficient tool for greater solidarity in Europe** (Rapporteur: Mr Eric Voruz, Switzerland, SOC): heard a statement by the Rapporteur on the fact-finding visit to Bern and Geneva (5-6 November 2013) and considered a preliminary draft report;
 - **2nd training for Parliamentarians on visiting places of detention for irregular migrants and asylum seekers (Zurich, 16-17 October 2013):** heard a statement by Ms Doris Fiala (Switzerland, ALDE) and approved a draft report on the training exercise;
 - **The right to work for refugees** (Rapporteur: Mr Christopher Chope, United Kingdom, EDG): considered a preliminary draft report;
 - **Joint hearing on "The need to eliminate statelessness" (April 2014 part-session):** heard a presentation by the new Representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to the European Institutions in Strasbourg, Mr Gerhard Westerveen, and took note of the forthcoming hearing on Statelessness to be jointly organised by UNHCR, the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons and the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights on 9 April 2014;
- on **Thursday, 30 January 2014 at 8.30 a.m.**, as regards:
 - **Follow-up to the situation of migrants and refugees in Morocco: a new approach:** heard a statement by Mr Driss El Yazami, President of the National Council of Human Rights of Morocco with the participation of Ms Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe;
 - **Unaccompanied migrant children: what rights at 18?** (Rapporteur: Ms Mailis Reps, Estonia, ALDE): held an exchange of views with Ms Lilana Keith, Programme Officer, Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (PICUM) and considered a preliminary draft report;
 - **Chinese migration to Europe: challenges and opportunities** (Rapporteur: Mr Thierry Mariani, France, EPP/CD): held an exchange of views with Mr Frank Laczko, Head of Migration Research Division, International Organization for Migration (IOM);

- **The arrival of large numbers of irregular migrants to Italian coastal areas as a result of tensions in the Southern Mediterranean countries** (Rapporteur: Mr Christopher Chope, United Kingdom, EDG): heard a statement by the rapporteur on the future fact-finding visit to Italy on 10-12 February 2014;
- **Replies from the Committee of Ministers to texts adopted by the Assembly presented by the Committee:** considered the replies to Recommendation 2010 (2013) on “Migration and asylum: mounting tensions in the Eastern Mediterranean” and Recommendation 2016 (2013) on “Frontex: human rights responsibilities”;
- **Priorities of the Committee for 2014:** approved the priorities;
- **Representation of the Committee:**
 - Appointment**
Appointed Ms Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC) to participate in the meeting of Chairpersons of the Committees on Justice and Home Affairs, organised by the Hellenic Parliament in Athens on 16 and 17 February 2014, at no cost to the Assembly;
 - Statement**
Conference on “Challenges and prospects in the access of asylum seekers and migrants to international protection and humanitarian assistance in the EU”, organised by the European Parliament and the Red Cross EU Office, Brussels, 6 November 2013: heard a statement by Ms Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC);
- **Next meetings:**
 - **Paris**, 13 March 2014
 - **Strasbourg**, during the 2nd part-session 2014 (7-11 April)
 - **Paris**, 3 June 2014 (tbc)
 - **Strasbourg**, during the 3rd part-session 2014 (23-27 June)

The **Sub-Committee on Integration**, meeting in Strasbourg on 30 January 2014, with Mr René Rouquet (France, SOC) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of a Chairperson:** elected Mr Irakli Chikovani (Georgia, ALDE) by acclamation and decided to elect its Vice-Chair at its next meeting;
- **Next meeting:** left it to its Chairperson to convene the next meeting;

The **Sub-Committee on Detention**, meeting in Strasbourg on 30 January 2014, with Mr René Rouquet (France, SOC) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of a Chairperson:** elected Ms Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC) by acclamation;
- **Election of a Vice-Chairperson:** elected Mr Eric Voruz (Switzerland, SOC) by acclamation;
- **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 30 January 2014, with Mr René Rouquet (France, SOC) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of a Chairperson:** elected Mr António Braga (Portugal, SOC) by acclamation and decided to elect its Vice-Chair at its next meeting;
- **Next meeting:** left it to its Chairperson to convene the next meeting;

The **ad hoc Sub-Committee on the large-scale arrival of irregular migrants, asylum-seekers and refugees on Europe's Southern Shores**, meeting in Strasbourg on 30 January 2014, with Mr René Rouquet (France, SOC) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of a Chairperson:** elected Ms Tina Acketoft (Sweden, ALDE) by acclamation;
- **Next meeting:** left it to its Chairperson to convene the next meeting;

Mark Neville, Agnès Nollinger, Olga Kostenko, Kelly Sipp

cc: Secretary General of the Assembly
Director General, Directors and all staff of the Secretariat of the Assembly
Secretaries of National Delegations and of Political Groups of the Assembly
Secretaries of observer and partner for democracy delegations
Secretary General of the Congress
Secretary to the Committee of Ministers
Directors General
Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe
Director of the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights
Director of Communication
Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe

APPENDIX 1**Composition of the Sub-Committees****1. Sub-Committee on Integration / Sous-commission sur l'intégration**
28 seats / sièges**Chairperson / Présidente:**

1. GEORGIA / GEORGIE Mr Irakli CHIKOVANI (ALDE)

Vice-Chairperson / Vice-Présidente

COUNTRY / PAYS	MEMBER / MEMBRE	ALTERNATE / REMPLACANT
2. ARMENIA / ARMÉNIE	Ms Naira KARAPETYAN (EPP/CD)	
3. AUSTRIA / AUTRICHE	Ms Alev KORUN (SOC)	
4. BELGIUM / BELGIQUE	Mr Daniel BACQUELAINE, (ALDE)	Ms Daphné DUMERY (NR)
5. CROATIA / CROATIE	Ms Melita MULIĆ (SOC)	
6. CYPRUS / CHYPRE	Ms Athina KYRIAKIDOU (SOC)	Ms Stella KYRIAKIDES (EPP/CD)
7. FINLAND / FINLANDE	Ms Anne-Mari VIROLAINEN (EPP/CD)	
8. FRANCE	M. Jean-Marie BOCKEL (PPE/DC)	
9. FRANCE	M. Denis JACQUAT (PPE/DC)	
10. FRANCE	M. René ROUQUET (SOC)	
11. GREECE / GRÈCE	Ms Foteini PIPILI (EPP/CD)	Mr Epameinondas MARIAS (NR)
12. IRELAND / IRLANDE	Ms Olivia MITCHELL (.....)	Ms Deirdre CLUNE (EPP/CD)
13. ITALY / ITALIE	Mr Manlio DI STEFANO (NR)	Mr Luis Alberto ORELLANA (NR)
14. MONACO	Mme Béatrice FRESKO-ROLFO (PPE/DC)	
15. MONTENEGRO / MONTÉNÉGRO	Mr Mladen BOJANIĆ (SOC)	
16. NETHERLANDS / PAYS-BAS	Mr Peter VAN DIJK (NR)	
17. ROMANIA / ROUMANIE	Mr Ionuț-Marian STROE (ALDE)	Ms Ana BIRCHALL (SOC)
18. ROMANIA / ROUMANIE	Mr Mihai TUDOSE (SOC)	
19. SERBIA / SERBIE	Ms Alekandra DJUROVIĆ (EPP/DC)	
20. SWEDEN / SUÈDE	Mr Lennart AXELSSON (SOC)	Ms Carina OHLSSON (SOC)
21. SWITZERLAND / SUISSE	M. Gerhard PFISTER (EPP/CD)	Mr Alfred HEER (ALDE)
22. TURKEY / TURQUIE	Mme Tülin ERKAL KARA (EDG)	
23. UNITED KINGDOM / ROYAUME UNI	Mr Jim SHERIDAN (SOC)	Mr David CRAUSBY (SOC)
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Ex-officio: M. Thierry Mariani, France, PPE/DC, Chairperson of the Committee / Président de la Commission

2. Sub-Committee on Detention / Sous-commission sur la rétention
 28 seats / sièges

Chairperson / Président:

1. NETHERLANDS / PAYS-BAS Ms Tineke STRIK (SOC)

Vice-Chairperson / Vice-Présidente

2. SWITZERLAND / SUISSE M. Eric VORUZ (SOC)

COUNTRY / PAYS	MEMBER / MEMBRE	ALTERNATE / REMPLACANT
3. ARMENIA / ARMÉNIE	Ms Naira KARAPETYAN (EPP/DC)	
4. AUSTRIA / AUTRICHE	Ms Alev KORUN (SOC)	
5. BELGIUM / BELGIQUE	Ms Daphné DUMERY (NR)	Mr Armand De DECKER (ALDE)
6. FRANCE	M. Bernard FOURNIER (EPP/CD)	
7. GEORGIA / GEORGIE	Ms Tinatin BOKUCHAVA (EPP/CD)	
8. GERMANY / ALLEMAGNE	Ms Annette GROTH (UEL)	
9. GERMANY / ALLEMAGNE	Ms Luise AMTSBERG (SOC)	
10. GREECE / GRÈCE	Ms Eirini DOUROU (...)	Ms Foteini PIPILI (EPP/CD)
11. IRELAND / IRLANDE	Ms Deirdre CLUNE (EPP/CD)	
12. ITALY / ITALIE	Mr Michele NICOLETTI (NR)	Mr Vannino CHITI (SOC)
13. LATVIA / LETTONIE	Mr Aleksandrs SAKOVSKIS (SOC)	
14. NETHERLANDS / PAYS-BAS	Mr Peter VAN DIJK (NR)	
15. ROMANIA / ROUMANIE	Mr Mihai-Viorel FIFOR (SOC)	
16. SWEDEN / SUÈDE	Ms Tina ACKETOFT (ALDE)	
17. SWEDEN / SUÈDE	Mr Mikael CEDERBRATT (EPP/CD)	
18. SWITZERLAND / SUISSE	Mme Doris FIALA (ALDE)	
19. TURKEY / TURQUIE	Mr Ömer SELVI (.....)	
20. UKRAINE	Mr Oleksandr SHEVCHENKO (NR)	
21. UNITED KINGDOM / ROYAUME-UNI	Dame Angela WATKINSON (EDG)	Mr Geraint DAVIES (EDG)
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Ex-officio: M. Thierry Mariani, France, PPE/DC, Chairperson of the Committee / Président de la Commission

**3. Sub-Committee on Co-operation with non European countries of origin and transit /
Sous-commission sur la coopération avec les pays d'origine et de transit non
européens**
28 seats / sièges

Chairperson / Président:

1. PORTUGAL Mr António BRAGA (SOC)

Vice-Chairperson / Vice-Président

COUNTRY / PAYS	MEMBER / MEMBRE	ALTERNATE / REMPLACANT
2. AUSTRIA / AUTRICHE	Ms Barbara ROSENKRANZ (....)	
3. BELGIUM / BELGIQUE	Mme Fatiha SAÏDI (SOC)	Mr Daniel BACQUELAINE (ALDE)
4. CYPRUS / CHYPRE	Ms Athina KYRIAKIDOU (SOC)	Ms Stella KYRIAKIDES (EPP/CD)
5. Czech Republic / République tchèque	Ms Ivana DOBEŠOVÁ (....)	
6. FINLAND / FINLANDE	Mr Jussi HALLA-AHO (NR)	
7. FRANCE	M. Bernard FOURNIER (EPP/CD)	M. Denis JACQUAT (PPE/DC)
8. FRANCE	M. Jean-Marie BOCKEL (PPE/DC)	
9. FRANCE	M. René ROUQUET (SOC)	
10. GEORGIA / GEORGIE	Mr Irakli CHIKOVANI (ALDE)	
11. GERMANY / ALLEMAGNE	Ms Luise AMTSBERG (SOC)	
12. GREECE / GRECE	Ms Liana KANELLI (UEL)	Mr Epameinondas MARIAS (NR)
13. IRELAND / IRLANDE	Ms Olivia MITCHELL (.....)	
14. ITALY / ITALIE	Mr Andrea RIGONI (ALDE)	Mr Claudio FAZZONE (EPP/CD)
15. MONACO	Mme Béatrice FRESKO-ROLFO (PPE/DC)	
16. MONTENEGRO / MONTÉNÉGRO	Mr Mladen BOJANIĆ (SOC)	
17. NETHERLANDS / PAYS-BAS	Ms Tineke STRIK (SOC)	
18. POLAND / POLOGNE	Mr Tadeusz IWIŃSKI (SOC)	
19. ROMANIA / ROUMANIE	Mr Ionuț-Marian STROE (ALDE)	Mr Mihai-Viorel FIFOR (SOC)
20. ROMANIA / ROUMANIE	Mr Cezar-Florin PREDA (PPE/CD)	
21. SERBIA / SERBIE	Ms Stefana MILADINOVIĆ (SOC)	
22. SWEDEN / SUÈDE	Mr Mikael CEDERBRATT (EPP/CD)	
23. SWITZERLAND / SUISSE	Mme Doris FIALA (ALDE)	
24. SWITZERLAND / SUISSE	M. Eric VORUZ (SOC)	
25. TURKEY / TURQUIE	Mr Tuğrul TÜRKEŞ (EDG)	
26. UKRAINE	Mr Oleksandr SHEVCHENKO (NR)	
27. UNITED KINGDOM / ROYAUME-UNI	Mr David CRAUSBY (SOC)	Baroness Judith WILCOX (EDG)
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APPENDIX 2

Composition of the *ad hoc* Sub-Committee on the large-scale arrival of irregular migrants, asylum-seekers and refugees on Europe's Southern shores /

Composition de la Sous-commission *ad hoc* sur l'arrivée massive de migrants en situation irrégulière, de demandeurs d'asile et de réfugiés sur les rivages du sud de l'Europe

Chairperson / Présidente

Ms Tina ACKETOFT
Sweden / Suède, ALDE / ADLE

Alternates / Remplaçants

Ms Doris FIALA
Switzerland / Suisse, ALDE / ADLE

Members / Membres

Mr Mikael CEDERBRATT
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Mr Christopher CHOPE,
United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni, EDG / GDE

Ms Annette GROTH
Germany / Allemagne, EUL / GUE

Ms Tineke STRIK
Netherlands / Pays-Bas, SOC

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