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

Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris on 13 March 2014

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, meeting in Paris, with first Mr Thierry Mariani (France, EPP/CD) and then Mr René Rouquet (France, SOC) in the Chair,

- on Thursday, 13 March 2014 at 9.30 a.m., as regards:
 - **Draft motion for a resolution presented on behalf of the Committee:** approved a motion for a resolution on “The Mediterranean Sea: a front door to irregular migration” with a view to its tabling;
 - **Alternatives to Europe’s sub-standard IDP collective centres** (Rapporteur: Mr René Rouquet, France, SOC): agreed to change the title to “Alternatives to Europe’s sub-standard IDP and refugee collective centres”, approved a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution;
 - **Resettlement of refugees: an efficient tool for greater solidarity in Europe** (Rapporteur: Mr Eric Voruz, Switzerland, SOC): in the absence of the rapporteur, agreed to change the title to “Resettlement of refugees, towards greater solidarity”, approved a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation;
 - **The right to work for refugees** (Rapporteur: Mr Christopher Chope, United Kingdom, EDG): agreed to change the title to “Refugees and the right to work”, approved a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution;
 - **Unaccompanied migrant children: what rights at 18?** (Rapporteur: Ms Mailis Reps, Estonia, ALDE): agreed to change the title to “Migrant children: what rights at 18?”, approved a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution;
 - **Integration of migrants: is Europe failing?** (Rapporteur: Ms Marietta Karamanli, France, SOC): considered a preliminary draft report and authorised the rapporteur to carry out a fact-finding visit to Sweden;
 - **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 fact-finding visit to Italy on 10-13 February 2014;
 - **Democratic participation for migrant diaspora** (Rapporteur: Mr Andrea Rigoni, Italy, ALDE): in the absence of the rapporteur, decided to postpone this item to a next meeting and authorised him to carry out a fact-finding visit to Turkey;

- **Missing persons in Cyprus:** heard a statement by Mr Jim Sheridan (United Kingdom, SOC) and decided to organise a hearing with representatives of the Committee on Missing Persons in Cyprus (CMP);
- **Evaluation of the implementation of the reform of the Parliamentary Assembly:** considered a response to the letter by Ms Liliana Palihovici (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD), rapporteur of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs, and asked the Chairperson to transmit the Committee reply to Ms Palihovici;
- **Work programme:**
 - Appointment**
Forced migration: a new challenge: appointed Mr Philippe Bies (France, SOC) and will hear from him a declaration of absence of conflict of interest during a next meeting;
- **Representation of the Committee**
 - Appointments**
Ms Tinatin Bokuchava (Georgia, EPP/CD) to participate in a meeting on “a global strategy to end child immigration detention”, organised by the International Detention Coalition in Geneva on 14 March 2014, subject to the availability of financial resources by the Assembly;

Mr René Rouquet (France, SOC) to participate in a meeting on “EU migration policy: a push back for migrants’ rights in Greece”, organised by PICUM in Brussels on 20 March 2014, subject to the availability of financial resources by the Assembly;
- **Free debate:** held an exchange of views on the latest developments on Migration policy in Morocco;
- **Next meetings:**
 - **Strasbourg**, during the 2nd part-session 2014 (7-11 April)
 - **Paris**, 3 June 2014
 - **Strasbourg**, during the 3rd part-session 2014 (23-27 June)
 - **Paris**, 9 September 2014
 - **Strasbourg**, during the 4th part-session 2014 (29 September-3 October)
- **on Thursday, 13 March 2014 at 2.30 p.m.**, as regards:
- **Workshop on “Unaccompanied and separated asylum-seeking and refugee children turning eighteen: What to celebrate?”:** held a hearing with the participation, inter alia, of:
 - ✓ Mr Gert Westerveen, UNHCR representative to the European institutions in Strasbourg
 - ✓ Ms Tina Mulcahy, Acting Head of the Youth Department of the Council of Europe
 - ✓ Ms Milen Eyob Fessehaye, young Eritrean refugee in Sweden
 - ✓ Ms Nathalie Lequeux, Coordinator of the Department for the protection of children’s rights at the Office of the French Ombudsman

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