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

### Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris on 9 September 2014

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

- **Immigration detention of children** (Rapporteur: Ms Tinatin Bokuchava, Georgia, EPP/CD): in the absence of the rapporteur, approved a draft report including a change of the title to “The alternatives to immigration detention of children”, and adopted unanimously a draft resolution as amended and a draft recommendation;
- **Violence against migrants** (Rapporteur: Mr Aleksandrs Sakovskis, Latvia, SOC): in the absence of the rapporteur, held a hearing with the participation of Ms Patricia Ötvös, Adviser, Office of the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights, Ms Claire Saas, Associate Professor of Criminal Law and Procedure, member of the GISTI (Groupe d'Information et de Soutien des Immigrés), Ms Eva Cossé, Senior Research Assistant, Europe and Central Asia Division, Human Rights Watch and Ms Anastasia Denisova, Civic Assistance Committee, Moscow;
- **Democratic participation for migrant diaspora** (Rapporteur: Mr Andrea Rigoni, Italy, ALDE): heard a statement by the rapporteur on the fact-finding visit to Turkey on 18-19 June 2014 and to Serbia on 17-18 July 2014;
- **Chinese migration to Europe: challenges and opportunities** (Rapporteur: Mr Thierry Mariani, France, EPP/CD): heard a statement by the rapporteur on the fact-finding visit to Italy on 28-29 July 2014;
- **Follow-up to Resolution 2000 (2014) on “The large-scale arrival of mixed migratory flows on Italian shores”** (Rapporteur: Mr Christopher Chope, United Kingdom, EDG): in the absence of the rapporteur, decided to postpone the discussion until its next meeting;
- **The implementation of the revised terms of reference of the Committee**: held an exchange of views on the Committee’s future action in the field of demography, population and statelessness and agreed to come back to this question at one of the forthcoming meetings when discussing the priorities of the Committee for 2015;
- **Replies from the Committee of Ministers to texts adopted by the Assembly presented by the Committee**: considered the reply to Recommendation 2028 (2013) on “Monitoring the return of irregular migrants and failed asylum seekers by land, sea and air” and in conclusion agreed to arrange a meeting with the Chair of the relevant rapporteur group of the Committee of Ministers and invited the Committee’s Chair to write a letter to the PACE President drawing her attention to the concerns expressed by members during the discussion;

- **Appointment of Rapporteurs:**  
*The humanitarian situation in Ukraine:* Mr Jim Sheridan (United Kingdom, SOC); heard from him a declaration of absence of conflict of interest and took note of his intention to organise a hearing on the situation of Ukrainian refugees and internally displaced persons at the forthcoming meeting;  
  
*The Mediterranean Sea: a front door to irregular migration:* decided to postpone the appointment of a rapporteur until its next meeting;
- **Greece under pressure: Europe's front door to irregular migration** (Rapporteur: Ms Tina Acketoft, Sweden, ALDE): following an exchange of views, agreed not to elaborate the report on this subject and to consider it in the framework of the preparation of the report on "The Mediterranean Sea: a front door to irregular migration" (rapporteur to be appointed);
- **Representation of the Committee at various events**  
  
**Appointments**  
Mr Manlio Di Stefano (Italy, NR) to participate in the "Global Forum on Statelessness" organised by the UNHCR on 15-17 September 2014 in The Hague, subject to the availability of financial resources by the Assembly;  
  
Ms Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC) to participate in the Fundamental Rights Conference 2014 on "Fundamental Rights and Migration to the EU", organised by the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA), on 10-11 November 2014 in Rome, subject to the availability of financial resources by the Assembly;  
  
Ms Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC) to participate in a Round Table on "Borders, asylum, human rights: challenges and perspectives" organised by the Italian Council for Refugees on 28 October 2014 in Brussels, subject to the availability of financial resources by the Assembly;
- **World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 3-4 November 2014) on "From participation to influence: can youth revitalise democracy?":** appointed Mr Michele Nicoletti (Italy, SOC) member to the *ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau
- **Sub-Committee on Co-operation with non-European countries of origin and transit (Rabat, Morocco, 23-24 October 2014):** heard a statement by the members of the delegation of Morocco availing of the partner for democracy status with the Parliamentary Assembly;
- **Composition of the sub-committees:** approved the following change:  
  
**Sub-Committee on Integration**
  - Mr Łukasz Zbonikowski (Poland, EDG) to become a titular member
  - Ms Aleksandra Djurović (Serbia, EPP/CD) to withdraw from the Sub-Committee
- **Next meetings:**
  - **Strasbourg**, during the 4th part-session 2014 (29 September-3 October)
  - **Rabat**, 23-24 October 2014, Sub-Committee on Co-operation with non-European countries of origin and transit
  - **Bucharest**, 27-28 November 2014

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