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

### Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 26, 27 and 29 January 2015

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, meeting in Strasbourg, with first Mr Bernard Fournier (France, EPP/CD), oldest member present, and then Mr Thierry Mariani (France, EPP/CD) and Ms Anne-Mari Virolainen (Finland, EPP/CD) in the Chair,

- on Monday, 26 January 2015 at 2 p.m., as regards:
  - **Election of the Bureau of the Committee:** re-elected by acclamation:
    - ✓ Mr Thierry Mariani (France, EPP/CD), Chairperson,
    - ✓ Ms Tülin Erkal Kara (Turkey, EC), 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chairperson,
    - ✓ Mr René Rouquet (France, SOC), 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chairperson,
    - ✓ Ms Anne-Mari Virolainen (Finland, EPP/CD), 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-Chairperson;
  - **Statement by the Chair of the Committee:** was informed of the invitation from the Parliament of Kyrgyzstan and agreed to hold a plenary meeting in Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan) on 9 and 10 June 2015, subject to the authorisation of the Bureau; expressed its support for the initiative to organise coordinated visits to immigration detention centres by a member of each national delegation on 18 December 2015, International Migrants' Day;
  - **The humanitarian situation of Ukrainian refugees and displaced persons** (Rapporteur: Mr Jim Sheridan, United Kingdom, SOC): heard a statement by the rapporteur on his fact-finding visit to the Russian Federation on 8-10 December 2014; approved an addendum to the report; considered and adopted 7 amendments presented by the rapporteur on behalf of the Committee; approved a draft declaration presented by the rapporteur to call on the Russian authorities to immediately release its member Ms Nadiya Savchenko; considered and approved a draft motion for a resolution presented by the Committee on "Missing persons during the conflict in Ukraine" with a view to its tabling; appointed Mr Jim Sheridan (United Kingdom, SOC), rapporteur, subject to the referral of this motion to the Committee for report by the Bureau, and heard from him a declaration of absence of conflict of interest; took note of his intention to organise a hearing on the subject at the forthcoming meeting of the Committee;
  - **Migration, security, terrorism: what links, what challenges?:** was informed of the Council of Europe's main actions against radicalisation and terrorism and held an exchange of views with Mr Christos Giakoumopoulos, Director of Human Rights, DG I Directorate General of Human Rights and the Rule of Law, Council of Europe; agreed to reflect on its possible action in this regard at one of the forthcoming meetings;

- **Constitution of Sub-Committees:** reconstituted the Sub-Committee on Integration and the Sub-Committee on Cooperation with non-European countries of origin and transit and constituted a Sub-Committee on Population;
- **on Tuesday, 27 January 2015 at 8.30 a.m.**, as regards:

- **The humanitarian situation of Ukrainian refugees and displaced persons** (Rapporteur: Mr Jim Sheridan, United Kingdom, SOC): took position on the amendments tabled to the draft resolution;

**Ms Anne-Mari Virolainen (Finland, EPP/CD) in the Chair, as regards:**

- **Feasibility study on the Codification of European Immigration Detention Rules:** held a hearing with the participation of Mr Markus Jaeger, Head of Migration Coordination, Council of Europe and Mr Alberto Achermann, Professor, Centre for Migration Law, University of Bern, Switzerland; invited the Chair to send a letter to the Committee of Ministers expressing the Migration Committee's support to codify European Immigration Detention Rules;
- **Countries of transit: meeting new migration and asylum challenges** (Rapporteur: Ms Tineke Strik, Netherlands, SOC): considered and approved an outline for a report; authorised the rapporteur to carry out fact-finding visits to Turkey and Morocco (the latter subject to the authorisation of the Bureau);
- **Assessing the need for a comprehensive review of the Dublin regulation and its implementation** (Rapporteur: Mr Michele Nicoletti, Italy, SOC): in the absence of the rapporteur, took note of an outline for a report and of the Rapporteur's intention to organise a hearing on the topic at its next meeting;
- **Composition of the Sub-Committees:** approved the list of members of the three Sub-Committees;
- **on Thursday, 29 January 2015 at 2 p.m.**

**Mr Thierry Mariani (France, EPP/CD) in the Chair, as regards:**

- **Sub-Committee on Cooperation with non-European countries of origin and transit:** endorsed the Sub-committee's decision to hold a meeting in Lagos (Portugal) on 30 and 31 March 2015, subject to the authorisation of the Bureau;
- **Chinese migration to Europe: challenges and opportunities** (Rapporteur: Mr Thierry Mariani, France, EPP/CD): considered and approved a draft report;
- **Humanitarian consequences of the threats posed by the terrorist group called "Islamic State":** (Rapporteur: Mr Jean-Marie Bockel, France, EPP/CD): heard a statement by the rapporteur on his fact-finding visits to Geneva (4 December 2014) and Turkey (19-20 January 2015); considered and approved a memorandum and agreed to modify the title of the report as follows: "Humanitarian consequences of the actions of the terrorist group called "Islamic State"";
- **Forced migration: a new challenge** (Rapporteur: Mr Philippe Bies, France, SOC): considered and approved a revised memorandum and agreed to propose to the Bureau to invite Ms Annick Girardin, French Secretary of State in charge of Development and Francophony to address the plenary during the 4th part of the 2015 Session of the Assembly;
- **The Mediterranean Sea: a front door to irregular migration** (Rapporteur: Ms Daphné Dumery, Belgium, SOC): heard from the rapporteur a declaration of absence of conflict of interest; considered and approved an outline for a report; took note of her intention to organise a hearing during the April part-session of 2015;
- **The impact of demography on migration:** held an exchange of views following a revision of the terms of reference of the Committee;
- **The alternatives to immigration detention of children** (Rapporteur: Ms Tinatin Bockuchava, Georgia, EPP/CD): agreed to send a letter to the Campaign Coordinator expressing its support to the Global Campaign to End Child Immigration Detention launched by the UN Human Rights Council; agreed to launch the Campaign at the Parliamentary Assembly during the 2<sup>nd</sup> part-session of the

Assembly of 2015; approved draft terms of reference of a General Rapporteur on “End immigration detention of children” and agreed to submit them to the Bureau; decided to appoint a General Rapporteur at its next meeting subject to the Assembly’s approval;

- **Priorities of the Committee for 2015:** considered and approved the priorities of the Committee for 2015;

- **3<sup>rd</sup> training for Parliamentarians on visiting places of detention for irregular migrants and asylum seekers (Schiphol, Netherlands, May 2015):** agreed to hold the training;

- **Appointment of rapporteurs for reports:**

**Violence against migrants:** decided to postpone the appointment until its next meeting;

**The implementation of the Hirsi judgment: have push back come to an end?** decided to postpone the appointment until its next meeting; was informed of the recent statement by the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights criticising proposed amendments to the Aliens Act aimed at legalizing push-backs of migrants arriving in Ceuta and Melilla currently being discussed in Spain;

- **Other business:** was informed of an invitation by the Chairperson of the Russian delegation to visit centres for Ukrainian refugees and IDPs in the Russian Federation and agreed to constitute an *ad hoc* Sub-Committee composed as follows:

- ✓ Mr Thierry Mariani (France, EPP/CD)
- ✓ Mr Jim Sheridan (United Kingdom, SOC)
- ✓ Ms Tülin Erkal Kara (Turkey, EC)
- ✓ Ms Nicole Duranton (France, EPP/CD)
- ✓ Ms Doris Fiala (Switzerland, ALDE)
- ✓ Ms Ivana Dobešová (Czech Republic, ALDE)
- ✓ Mr René Rouquet (France, SOC)
- ✓ Mr Àlex Sáez (Spain, SOC)
- ✓ Mr Jean-Marie Bockel (France, EPP/CD)
- ✓ Ms Daphné Dumery (Belgium, NR)
- ✓ Ms Anne-Mari Virolainen (Finland, EPP/CD)
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and agreed to submit to the Bureau the request to authorise the visit to the Ukrainian refugee camps in the Russian Federation ;

- **Other business:** took note of the call for candidatures for the Václav Havel Human Rights Prize 2015;

- **Representation of the Committee**

“Expert meeting on the implementation of the core standards for guardians of separated children in Europe” organised by Defence for children on 11 December 2014 in Brussels: heard a statement by Ms Daphné Dumery (Belgium, NR);

- **Next meetings:**

- **Paris**, 23 March 2015
- **Strasbourg**, during the 2nd part-session 2015 (20-24 April)
- **Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan**, 9-10 June 2015 (subject to the authorisation of the Bureau)
- **Strasbourg**, during the 3rd part-session 2015 (22-26 June)
- **Paris**, 9 September 2015
- **Strasbourg**, during the 4th part-session 2015 (28 September-2 October)
- **Paris**, 2 December 2015

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The **Sub-Committee on Integration**, meeting in Strasbourg on 29 January 2015, with first Mr Thierry Mariani (France, EPP/CD), and then Mr Irakli Chikovani (Georgia, ALDE) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of a Chairperson:** re-elected Mr Irakli Chikovani (Georgia, ALDE) by acclamation and decided to elect its Vice-Chair at its next meeting;
- **Future activities of the Sub-Committee:** held an exchange of views;
- **Next meeting:** left it to its Chairperson to convene the next meeting;

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The **Sub-Committee on Population**, meeting in Strasbourg on 29 January 2015, with first Mr Thierry Mariani (France, EPP/CD), and then Mr Alexander [The earl of] Dundee (United Kingdom, EC) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of a Chairperson:** elected Mr Alexander [The earl of] Dundee (United Kingdom, EC) by acclamation and decided to elect its Vice-Chair at its next meeting;
- **Future activities of the Sub-Committee:** held an exchange of views;
- **Next meeting:** left it to its Chairperson to convene the next meeting;

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The **Sub-Committee on Co-operation with non-European countries of origin and transit**, meeting in Strasbourg on 29 January 2015, with first Mr Thierry Mariani (France, EPP/CD), and then Mr António Braga (Portugal, SOC) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of a Chairperson:** re-elected Mr António Braga (Portugal, SOC) by acclamation;
- **Election of a Vice-Chairperson:** re-elected Mr Andrea Rigoni (Italy, ALDE) by acclamation;
- **Future activities of the Sub-Committee:** held an exchange of views on the preparation of the Conference on North-South Migration Dialogue organised in co-operation with the Parliamentary Projects Support Division of the Assembly and the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe in Portugal in the framework of the Joint Programme “Strengthening democratic reform in the Southern Neighbourhood (South Programme) funded by the European Union and implemented by the Council of Europe to be held in Lagos (Portugal) on 30-31 March 2015;
- **Next meeting:** Lagos (Portugal) on 30-31 March 2015 (subject to the authorisation of the Bureau);

Agnieszka Nachilo, Agnès Nollinger, Olga Kostenko, David Milner

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

1. GEORGIA / GEORGIE Mr Irakli CHIKOVANI (ALDE)

<b>COUNTRY / PAYS</b>	<b>MEMBER / MEMBRE</b>	<b>ALTERNATE / REMPLACANT</b>
2. BELGIUM / BELGIQUE	Ms Petra De SUTTER (SOC)	Ms Daphné DUMERY (NR)
3. CROATIA / CROATIE	Ms Melita MULIĆ (SOC)	
4. CYPRUS / CHYPRE	Ms Athina KYRIAKIDOU (SOC)	Ms Stella KYRIAKIDES (EPP/CD)
5. FINLAND / FINLANDE	Ms Anne-Mari VIROLAINEN (EPP/CD)	
6. FRANCE	Mme Marietta KARAMANLI (SOC)	
7. GREECE / GRÈCE	Ms Foteini PIPILI (EPP/CD)	Ms Elena KOUNTOURA (EC)
8. IRELAND / IRLANDE	Ms Olivia MITCHELL (EPP/CD)	Mr Jim D'ARCY (EPP/CD)
9. NETHERLANDS / PAYS-BAS	Ms Tineke STRIK (SOC)	
10. NETHERLANDS / PAYS-BAS	Mr Peter VAN DIJK (NR)	
11. POLAND / POLOGNE	Mr Killion MUNYAMA (?)	
12. PORTUGAL	Mr Carlos Alberto GONÇALVES (EPP/CD)	
13. ROMANIA / ROUMANIE	Mr Ionuț-Marian STROE (EPP/CD)	Ms Ana BIRCHALL (SOC)
14. SPAIN / ESPAGNE	M. Gabino PUCHE (PPE/DC)	Mr Alex SÁEZ (SOC)
15. SWEDEN / SUÈDE	Ms Tina GHASEMI (EPP/CD)	Ms Eva-Lena JANSSON (SOC)
16. SWITZERLAND / SUISSE	M. Gerhard PFISTER (EPP/CD)	Mr Alfred HEER (ALDE)
17. TURKEY / TURQUIE	Mme Tülin ERKAL KARA (EC)	
18. UKRAINE	Mr Serhiy LABAZIUK (NR)	
19. UKRAINE	Mr Sergiy VLASENKO (EPP/CD)	
20. 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 Population / Sous-commission sur la population**  
28 seats / sièges

**Chairperson / Président:**

1. UNITED KINGDOM / ROYAUME-UNI Mr Alexander [The Earl of] DUNDEE  
(EC)

**Vice-Chairperson / Vice-Présidente**

COUNTRY / PAYS	MEMBER / MEMBRE	ALTERNATE / REMPLACANT
2. BELGIUM / BELGIQUE	Ms Daphné DUMERY (NR)	Ms Kristien Van VAERENBERGH (NR)
3. FINLAND / FINLANDE	Mr Mika RAATIKAINEN (NR)	
4. FRANCE	M. Jean-Marie BOCKEL (PPE/DC)	
5. FRANCE	M. René ROUQUET (SOC)	
6. GREECE / GRÈCE	Ms Vasiliki KATRIVANOU (UEL)	Ms Liana KANELLI (UEL)
7. IRELAND / IRLANDE	Mr Jim D'ARCY (EPP/CD)	Ms Olivia MITCHELL (EPP/CD)
8. MONTENEGRO / MONTÉNÉGRO	Mr Predrag SEKULIĆ (SOC)	
9. NETHERLANDS / PAYS-BAS	Mr Peter VAN DIJK (NR)	
10. ROMANIA / ROUMANIE	Mr Mihai-Viorel FIFOR (SOC)	
11. SPAIN / ESPAGNE	Mr Ángel PINTADO (EPP/CD)	
12. SWEDEN / SUÈDE	Mr Johan NISSINEN (NR)	
13. SWITZERLAND / SUISSE	M. Eric VORUZ (SOC)	
14. SWITZERLAND / SUISSE	Mme Doris FIALA (ALDE)	
15. TURKEY / TURQUIE	Mr Ömer SELVI (EC)	
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**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**

2. ITALY / ITALIE Mr Andrea RIGONI (ALDE)

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4. CYPRUS / CHYPRE	Ms Athina KYRIAKIDOU (SOC)	Ms Stella KYRIAKIDES (EPP/CD)
5. CZECH REPUBLIC / RÉPUBLIQUE TCHÈQUE	Ms Ivana DOBEŠOVÁ (ALDE)	
6. FINLAND / FINLANDE	Mr Mika RAATIKAINEN (NR)	
7. FRANCE	Mme Marietta KARAMANLI (SOC)	
8. GEORGIA / GÉORGIE	Mr Irakli CHIKOVANI (ALDE)	
9. GERMANY / ALLEMAGNE	Ms Luise AMTSBERG (SOC)	
10. GREECE / GRECE	Ms Liana KANELLI (UEL)	Ms Elena KOUNTOURA (EC)
11. IRELAND / IRLANDE	Ms Olivia MITCHELL (EPP/CD)	Mr Jim D'ARCY (EPP/CD)
12. MONTENEGRO / MONTÉNÉGRÓ	Mr Predrag SEKULIĆ (SOC)	
13. NETHERLANDS / PAYS-BAS	Ms Tineke STRIK (SOC)	
14. POLAND / POLOGNE	Mr Tadeusz IWIŃSKI (SOC)	
15. ROMANIA / ROUMANIE	M. Cezar-Florin PREDA (EPP/CD)	Mr Mihai-Viorel FIFOR (SOC)
16. SERBIA / SERBIE	Mr Aleksandar SENIĆ (SOC)	
17. SPAIN / ESPAGNE	Mr Alex SÁEZ (SOC)	M. Gabino PUCHE (PPE/DC)
18. SWITZERLAND / SUISSE	Mme Doris FIALA (ALDE)	
19. SWITZERLAND / SUISSE	M. Eric VORUZ (SOC)	
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