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

Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 20, 21, 22 and 23 April 2015

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

- on Monday, 20 April 2015 at 2 p.m., as regards:
 - **Request for a debate under urgent procedure:** further to the Assembly's decision to hold a debate under urgent procedure and to seize the Committee to prepare a report on "The human tragedy in the Mediterranean: immediate action needed", appointed Mr Thierry Mariani (France, EPP/CD) rapporteur and heard from him a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
- on Tuesday, 21 April 2015 at 8.30 a.m., as regards:
 - **Statement by the Chair of the Committee:** agreed to organise, on 29 September 2015, in the framework of the Committee meeting, a 30 minute performance on the refugee survivor of the sinking of the boat crossing the Mediterranean carried out by a professional actor from the French theatre *Comédie Française*, in co-operation with the Italian Cultural Institute at no cost to the Assembly; was informed of a possible exchange of views with Mr Fabrice Leggeri, Executive Director of Frontex to be held at its meeting on 23 June 2015 during the 3rd part of the 2015 Session of the Assembly;
 - **Global campaign to end immigration detention of children:** heard a statement by Ms Doris Fiala (Switzerland, ALDE), General Rapporteur on "Ending immigration detention of children", on the launching of the Parliamentary Campaign to end immigration detention of children and on the Living Library, and held an exchange of views with Ms Leeanne Torpey, Coordinator of the Global Campaign;
 - **Assessing the need for a comprehensive review of the Dublin regulation and its implementation** (Rapporteur: Mr Michele Nicoletti, Italy, SOC): held an exchange of views with the participation of Ms Alexandra Cupsan-Catalin, Policy Officer, Directorate-General Migration and Home Affairs (HOME), European Commission, Mr Kris Pollet, Senior Legal and Policy Officer, European Council for Refugees and Exiles (ECRE) and Mr Christos Giakoumopoulos, Director, Human Rights, Council of Europe;
- on Tuesday, 21 April 2015 at 2 p.m., as regards:
 - **Humanitarian consequences of the actions of the terrorist group known as "Islamic State"** (Rapporteur: Mr Jean-Marie Bockel, France, EPP/CD): took position on the amendments tabled to the draft resolution;

Ms Tülin Erkal Kara (Turkey, EC) in the Chair, as regards:

- ***The human tragedy in the Mediterranean: immediate action needed*** (Rapporteur: Mr Thierry Mariani, France, EPP/CD): approved a draft report and adopted a draft resolution;

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

- ***Countries of transit: meeting new migration and asylum challenges*** (Rapporteur: Ms Tineke Strik, Netherlands, SOC): heard a statement by the rapporteur on the fact-finding visit to Turkey on 25 and 26 March 2015 and held an exchange of views with the participation of Mr Othman Belbesi, Chief of Mission in Libya, IOM, Mr Samer Haddadin, Chief of Mission in Libya, UNHCR and Mr Franck Düvell, Senior Researcher & Associate Professor, Centre on Migration, Policy and Society (COMPAS), University of Oxford;

- **on Wednesday, 22 April 2015 at 2.00 p.m.**, as regards:

- ***Joint hearing with the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy on “Ukraine: prospects for peace and humanitarian challenges”***: held a hearing with the participation of Mr Armen Harutyunyan, Head of the UN Human Rights Monitoring Mission in Ukraine, Ms Svitlana Zakrevska, President, Centre Alliance, Kyiv, Ukraine and Ms Oleksandra Matviichuk, Head of the Board of Centre for Civil Liberties of Ukraine;

- **on Thursday, 23 April 2015 at 8.30 a.m.**, as regards:

Mr Eric Voruz (Switzerland, SOC) in the Chair, as regards:

- ***The human tragedy in the Mediterranean: immediate action needed*** (Rapporteur: Mr Thierry Mariani, France, EPP/CD): took position on the amendments tabled to the draft resolution;
- ***Chinese migration to Europe: challenges and opportunities*** (Rapporteur: Mr Thierry Mariani, France, EPP/CD): approved a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution;

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

- ***Criminalisation of irregular migrants: a crime without victim*** (Rapporteur: Mr Ionuț-Marian Stroe Romania, ALDE): in the absence of the rapporteur, approved a draft report and adopted a draft resolution;
- ***Violence against migrants*** (Rapporteur: Mr Andrea Rigoni, Italy, ALDE): in the absence of the rapporteur, authorised him to carry out a fact-finding visit to Germany following the arson attack on a home for asylum seekers in Troeglitz in Eastern Germany;
- ***Meeting of the Committee in Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan) on 2-3 June 2015***: held an exchange of views with Mr Anarbek Kalmatov, member of the Kyrgyz Partner for Democracy Delegation to the PACE on the draft programme of the next meeting of the Committee;
- ***Appointment of rapporteurs for reports***:

Closing the protection gap of unaccompanied children in Europe: appointed Mr René Rouquet (France, SOC) subject to a declaration of absence of conflict of interest at the next meeting;

The humanitarian crisis in Gaza: appointed Ms Eva-Lena Jansson (Sweden, SOC) and heard from her a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;

The need to eradicate statelessness of children: appointed Mr Manlio Di Stefano (Italy, NR) and heard from him a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;

- ***Training for Parliamentarians on visiting places of detention for irregular migrants and asylum seekers (Schiphol, Netherlands, 18 May 2015)***: in the absence of Ms Tineke Strik (the Netherlands, SOC), was informed by the Secretariat of the Committee of the state of play of the training and of the visit;

- **Sub-Committee on Population:** heard a statement by Alexander [The Earl of] Dundee (United Kingdom, EC) on the work programme of the Sub-Committee;
- **Sub-Committee on Co-operation with non-European countries of origin and transit (Lagos, Portugal, 30-31 March 2015):** decided to postpone the statement by Mr António Braga (Portugal, SOC) until the next meeting;
- **Composition of the Sub-Committees:** approved the following changes:
 - Sub-Committee on Integration**
 - Ms Judith Pallarés Cortés (Andorra, ALDE) to become a titular member
 - Ms Vasiliki Katrivanou (Greece, UEL) to become a titular member
 - Ms Liana Kanelli (Greece, UEL) to become an alternate member
 - Sub-Committee on Population**
 - Ms Liana Kanelli (Greece, UEL) to become a titular member
 - Ms Vasiliki Katrivanou (Greece, UEL) to become an alternate member
 - Ms Valentina Buliga (Republic of Moldova, SOC) to become a titular member
 - Sub-Committee on Co-operation with non-European countries of origin and transit**
 - Ms Judith Pallarés Cortés (Andorra, ALDE) to become a titular member
 - Ms Athanasia Anagnostopoulou (Greece, UEL) to become a titular member
 - Ms Antigoni Lymperaki (Greece, NR) to become an alternate member
- **Next meetings:**
 - **Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan**, 2-3 June 2015
 - **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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