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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 2015

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, meeting in Paris, with Mr René Rouquet (France, SOC) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of a third Vice-Chairperson:** elected by acclamation Mr Cezar Florin Preda (Romania, EPP/CD) as 3rd Vice-Chairperson;
- **Current affairs debate:** following a discussion, decided to ask the Bureau to devote a whole sitting during the forthcoming parliamentary session to a current affairs debate on “A Comprehensive humanitarian and political response to the migration and refugee crisis in Europe” followed by a joint debate on “Countries of transit: meeting new migration and asylum challenges” (Rapporteur: Ms Strik, Netherlands, SOC) and on “Assessing the need for a comprehensive review of the Dublin regulation and its implementation” (Rapporteur: Mr Nicoletti, Italy, SOC); adopted unanimously a statement on “A comprehensive humanitarian and political response to the migration and refugee crisis in Europe”; appointed Ms Daphné Dumery (Belgium, NR) to open the current affairs debate; provisionally appointed her rapporteur in case the Bureau decides to hold a debate under urgent procedure on this or a related issue and heard from her a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
- **Assessing the need for a comprehensive review of the Dublin regulation and its implementation** (Rapporteur: Mr Michele Nicoletti, Italy, SOC): considered and approved a draft report and adopted a draft resolution as amended; agreed to modify the title as follows: “After Dublin - the urgent need for a real European asylum system”;
- **Countries of transit: meeting new migration and asylum challenges** (Rapporteur: Ms Tineke Strik, Netherlands, SOC): considered and approved a draft report, adopted a draft resolution and unanimously adopted a draft recommendation;
- **Council of Europe Development Bank:** held an exchange of views on the possibilities of financial support for countries confronted with the mass arrival of migrants, in particular countries of transit, with the participation of Mr Rolf Wenzel, Governor of the Development Bank and Mr Dominique Lamiot, Chairman of the Governing Board of the Development Bank;
- **The need to eradicate statelessness of children** (Rapporteur: Mr Manlio Di Stefano, Italy, NR): considered an outline for a report and appointed the rapporteur to participate in a Seminar on “Statelessness of children” organised by the European Network on Statelessness (ENS) and UNHCR in Strasbourg on 21 September 2015, subject to the availability of financial resources by the Assembly;
- **The Mediterranean Sea: a front door to irregular migration** (Rapporteur: Ms Daphné Dumery, Belgium, NR): heard a statement by the rapporteur on her fact-finding visits to Italy (6-8 July 2015) and the Headquarters of Frontex in Warsaw (28 August 2015);

- **The humanitarian crisis in Gaza** (Rapporteur: Ms Eva-Lena Jansson, Sweden, SOC): heard a statement by the rapporteur and held a hearing with the participation of Mr Matthias Burchard, Director, United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) Representative Office to the EU, Brussels, Belgium and Ms Celine Touboul, Deputy Director General, Economic Cooperation Foundation, Tel Aviv, Israel.;
- **International Migrants' Day (18 December 2015)**: decided to postpone to its next meeting the training for parliamentarians with a view to the visit of a detention centre on 18 December 2015;
- **Appointment of rapporteurs for reports:**
 - The impact of European populations dynamics on migration policies:** appointed Ms Kristin Ørmen Johnsen (Norway, EPP/CD) subject to a declaration of absence of conflict of interest at the next meeting;
 - Possible ways to improve the emergency refugee situations funding:** appointed Mr Cezar Florin Preda (Romania, EPP/CD) and heard from him a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
 - The humanitarian concerns with regard to captured people during the conflict in Ukraine:** appointed Ms Nellija Kleinberga (Latvia, ALDE) and heard from her a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
 - A stronger European response to the Syrian refugee crisis:** decided to postpone the appointment of a rapporteur until the next meeting;
- **Representation of the Committee at various events:** appointed Mr Florin Costin Pâslaru (Romania, SOC) to participate in the 8th Global Forum on Migration and Development on 14-16 October 2015 in Istanbul, Turkey, subject to the availability of financial resources by the Assembly;
- **Composition of the Sub-Committees:** approved the following changes:
 - Sub-Committee on Population**
 - Ms Susanna Huovinen (Finland, SOC) to become a titular member
 - Sub-Committee on Integration**
 - Ms Susanna Huovinen (Finland, SOC) to become a titular member
 - Sub-Committee on Co-operation with non-European countries of origin and transit**
 - Mr Tom Packalén (Finland, EC) to become a titular member
- **Next meetings:**
 - **Strasbourg**, during the 4th part-session 2015 (28 September-2 October)
 - **Paris**, 2 December 2015 (tbc)

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