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

Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris on 7 December 2016

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, meeting in Paris, with Ms Sahiba Gafarova (Azerbaijan, EC) in the Chair, as regards:

- ***The humanitarian crisis in Gaza*** (Rapporteur: Ms Eva-Lena Jansson, Sweden, SOC): approved a draft report and adopted unanimously a draft resolution as amended;
- ***Integration of refugees in times of critical pressure: learning from recent experience and examples of best practice*** (Rapporteur: Ms Susanna Huovinen, Finland, SOC): in the absence of the rapporteur, held an exchange of views with Mr Jean-Christophe Dumont, Head of the International Migration Division, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and agreed to send a questionnaire to the 47 member States; authorised the rapporteur to carry out fact-finding visits to Portugal and the Netherlands;
- ***Report of the fact-finding mission on the situation of migrants and refugees in Calais and Grande-Synthe, France (12-13 and 21-23 September 2016) by Ambassador Tomáš Boček, Special Representative of the Secretary General on migration and refugees***: decided to postpone this item until the next meeting;
- ***Meeting of the Sub-Committee on Co-operation with non-European countries of origin and transit (Lisbon, 24-25 November 2016)***: heard a statement by Mr Andrea Rigoni (Italy, ALDE), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee
- ***Meeting of the Sub-Committee on Integration (Berlin, 15 December 2016)***: heard a communication by Ms Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee, on the next meeting;
- ***Training for parliamentarians in Vienna and visit to a detention centre in Vordernberg, Austria (15-16 November 2016)***: heard a communication by the Chairperson of the Committee;
- ***Follow-up to the proposal of the PACE President to hold a major debate devoted to the migration issue and the management of the current refugee crisis***: held an exchange of views on the basis of the memorandum prepared by the Secretariat on the instruction of the Chair and agreed on the draft programme of the debate to be proposed to the Bureau of the Assembly;
- ***Recommendation 2078 (2015) on “Countries of transit: meeting new migration and asylum challenges”*** (Rapporteur: Ms Tineke Strik, Netherlands, SOC): considered the reply from the Committee of Ministers;

- **Administrative detention of migrants: current intergovernmental work and follow-up to Recommendation 1900 (2010) of the Assembly:** decided to postpone this item until the next meeting;
- **Follow-up to Resolution 2109 (2016) on “The situation of refugees and migrants under the EU-Turkey Agreement of 18 March 2016” and to Resolution 2118 (2016) on “Refugees in Greece: challenges and risks – A European responsibility”:** held a hearing with the participation of Mr Gerald Knaus, Chairman, European Stability Initiative, Berlin and Mr Loïc Jaeger, Head of Mission, *Médecins sans Frontières*, Greece;
- **Follow-up to Resolution 2088 (2016) on “The Mediterranean Sea: a front door to irregular migration” (Rapporteur: Ms Daphné Dumery, Belgium, NR):** heard a statement by the rapporteur and held an exchange of views;
- **Parliamentary Campaign to end immigration detention of children:** was informed of the grant accorded by the Swiss Government for the extension of the PACE Campaign until January 2018;
- **Sub-committees in 2017:** held an exchange of views on the work of the Sub-committees and agreed to constitute a new Sub-committee entitled: Sub-Committee on Refugee and Migrant Children and Young People, to replace the Sub-Committee on Population, and approved the terms of reference of the new Sub-Committee;
- **Creation of a General Rapporteur on Conditions of Reception of Refugees and Migrants:** held an exchange of views and approved the terms of reference to be submitted to the Bureau for approval and subsequently to the Assembly for ratification;
- **Priorities of the Committee in 2017:** considered and approved the priorities of the Committee;
- **Appointment of rapporteurs for report:**

Addressing the humanitarian needs of internally displaced persons: recent lessons and future challenges in Europe: appointed Mr Killion Munyama (Poland, EPP/CD) and heard from him a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;

Human rights implications of the European response to transit migration across the Mediterranean: decided to postpone the appointment of the rapporteur until the next meeting;

Meeting of the Committee in Baku (15-16 March 2017, subject to the authorisation of the Bureau): heard a communication by the Chairperson of the Committee;
- **Representation of the Committee at various events:**

Meetings of the Committee of experts on administrative detention of migrants (CJ-DAM): 12-14 December 2016, Strasbourg; 15-17 February 2017 (to be confirmed), Cyprus; March-April 2017, Strasbourg; end of June 2017, hearing with external stakeholders, Strasbourg; appointed Ms Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC), subject to the availability of financial resources of the Assembly;

ICAPP Special Conference on “Migration and Refugees”, 4-6 November 2016, Istanbul, Turkey: heard a statement by Ms Sahiba Gafarova (Azerbaijan, EC);
- **Composition of the Sub-committees:** approved the following changes:
 - Sub-Committee on Integration**
 - Ms Martine Mergen (Luxembourg, EPP/CD) to become a titular member
 - Sub-Committee on Population**
 - Mr Talip Küçükcan (Turkey, EC) to become a titular member
 - Sub-Committee on Co-operation with non-European countries of origin and transit**
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– **Next meetings:**

- **Berlin**, 15 December 2016, **Sub-Committee on Integration**
- **Strasbourg**, during the 1st part-session 2017 (23-27 January)
- **Baku**, 15-16 March 2017 (subject to the authorisation of the Bureau)
- **Strasbourg**, during the 2nd part-session 2017 (24-28 April)
- **Paris**, 2 June 2017
- **Strasbourg**, during the 3rd part-session 2017 (26-30 June)
- **Paris**, 20 September 2017
- **Strasbourg**, during the 4th part-session 2017 (9-13 October)
- **Paris**, 8 December 2017

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