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

Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris on 2 June 2017

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

- on Friday, 2 June 2017 at 9.30 a.m., as regards:
 - **Human rights implications of the European response to transit migration across the Mediterranean** (Rapporteur: Mr Miltiadis Varvitsiotis, Greece, EPP/CD): heard a statement by the rapporteur on his fact-finding visit to Italy (10-11 May 2017); considered and approved a draft report and adopted unanimously a draft resolution as amended;
 - **A comprehensive humanitarian and political response to the migration and refugee crisis in Europe** (Rapporteur: Mr Duarte Marques, Portugal, EPP/CD): heard a statement by the rapporteur on his fact-finding visit to Hungary (15-16 May 2017); considered and approved a draft report and adopted unanimously a draft resolution as amended and a draft recommendation; took note that the rapporteur would present an addendum to the report at the next meeting;
 - **Humanitarian consequences of the war in Ukraine** (Rapporteur: Mr Egidijus Vareikis, Lithuania, EPP/CD): heard a statement by the rapporteur and held a hearing with the participation of Mr Alexander Hug, Principal Deputy Chief Monitor, OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine and Ms Kseniia Karahiaur, Legal Analyst, Charity Foundation "Right to protection";
 - **Addressing the humanitarian needs of internally displaced persons: recent lessons and future challenges in Europe** (Rapporteur: Mr Killion Munyama, Poland, EPP/CD): heard a statement by the rapporteur and held an exchange of views with the participation of Ms Céline Besnard, Head of the Desk at the Emergency Unit in charge of Ukraine, *Médecins du Monde* and Mr Gerard de Boer, Communications and Resource Development Manager and Ms Khatuna Madurashvili, Opportunity Manager, CARE International in the Caucasus (via Skype);
 - **Migrants as an easy target for trafficking and exploitation**: heard a statement by Ms Daphné Dumery, (Belgium, NR) on the motion for a resolution currently being signed and held an exchange of views;
 - **Family reunification in the Council of Europe member States** (Rapporteur: Ms Ulla Sandbæk, Denmark, UEL): heard a statement by the rapporteur and considered an introductory memorandum; authorised the rapporteur to carry out a fact-finding visit to Brussels;

- **on Friday, 2 June 2017 at 2.30 p.m.**, with Mr Zsolt Csenger-Zálan (Hungary, EPP/CD) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Recently arrived refugees and migrants at risk of radicalisation** (Rapporteur: Ms Sahiba Gafarova, Azerbaijan, EC): heard a statement by the rapporteur and held an exchange of views with the participation of Mr Dhaou Meskine, Secretary General of the *Conseil des Imams de France* and Mr Bernard Godard, Research Fellow, Centre of studies in social sciences and religion (CéSor/EHESS), Paris, former Head of the Central Office of Worship of the French Ministry of Interior; considered an introductory memorandum and agreed to change the title to: “Radicalisation of migrants and diaspora communities in Europe” and authorised the rapporteur to carry out fact-finding visits to Norway and Italy;

Ms Sahiba Gafarova (Azerbaijan, EC) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Parliamentary Campaign to End Immigration Detention of Children**: watched and approved a slide-show to be presented on 28 June 2017 in the framework of the 3rd part of the 2017 Session of the Assembly;
- **How to encourage the migration of international students across Europe** (Rapporteur: Alexander [The Earl of] Dundee, United Kingdom, EC): postponed the item until the next meeting;
- **Migration debate (28 June 2017)**: heard a communication by the Chairperson of the Committee;
- **Joint meeting of the Sub-Committee on Co-operation with non-European countries of origin and transit and the Sub-Committee on Integration (Lisbon, 7-8 September 2017)**: heard a communication by Mr Andrea Rigoni (Italy, ALDE), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Co-operation with non-European countries of origin and transit on the launching of the Parliamentary Network on Diaspora Policies in Lisbon on 7-8 September 2017 and authorised the Chairperson to carry out a fact-finding visit to Jordan, at no cost to the Assembly, and subject to the authorisation by the Bureau;
- **World Forum for Democracy on “Is populism a problem?”** (Strasbourg, 8-10 November 2017): took note of the draft programme and called on interested members of the committee to be appointed to the *ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau of the Assembly;
- **Václav Havel Prize**: took note of the call for nominations for the 2017 Václav Havel Prize, and that the deadline for applications had been extended to 30 June 2017;
- **Recommendation 2090 (2016) on “The humanitarian concerns with regard to people captured during the war in Ukraine”** (rapporteur: Ms Nellija Kleinberga, Latvia, ALDE): in the absence of the rapporteur, postponed the consideration of the reply by the Committee of Ministers on the recommendation to the next meeting;
- **Appointment of a rapporteur for report**: “Labour migration from Eastern Europe and its impact on socio-demographic processes in these countries”: postponed the appointment of a rapporteur to the next meeting;
- **Motion for a resolution on “The humanitarian situation of refugees in the countries neighbouring Syria” transmitted to the Committee for information**: held an exchange of views and agreed to ask the Bureau of the Assembly that the motion for a resolution be referred back to the Committee for report;
- **Representation of the Committee at various events**:

International expert conference on “Immigration Detention of Children: Coming to a Close?” organised by the Czech Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, Prague, 25-26 September 2017: appointed Ms Doris Fiala (Switzerland, ALDE) and Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC), subject to the availability of financial resources of the Assembly;

Conference on “Protecting Stateless Persons from Arbitrary Detention” organised by the European Network on Statelessness (ENS), European Youth Centre, Budapest, 4-5 May 2017: postponed the statement to the next meeting;

- **Composition of the Sub-Committees:** approved the following changes:

Sub-Committee on Integration

- Mr Gheorghe-Dinu Socotar (Romania, SOC) to become an alternate member of Mr Ionut-Marian Stroe (Romania, EPP/CD)

Sub-Committee on Refugee and Migrant Children and Young People

- Ms Cristina-Mădălina Prună (Romania, NR) to become a titular member
- Mr Corneliu Ștefan (Romania, SOC) to become an alternate member of Ms Prună

Sub-Committee on Cooperation with non-European countries of origin and transit

- Mr Domagoj Hajduković (Croatia, SOC) to become a titular member
- Mr Tit-Liviu Brăiloiu (Romania, SOC) to become an alternate member of Mr Cezar-Florin Preda (Romania, EPP/CD)

- **Other business:**

Seminar for National Associations of Local and Regional authorities on the Pact of Towns and Regions to stop sexual violence against children, and on refugee children and non-accompanied minors organised by the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, 13 June 2017, Belgrade: appointed Mr Manlio Di Stefano (Italy, NR), subject to the availability of financial resources of the Assembly;

- **Next meetings:**

Plenary:

- **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

Other:

- **Lisbon**, 7-8 September 2017, joint meeting of the Sub-Committee on Co-operation with non-European countries of origin and transit and the Sub-Committee on Integration

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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
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