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

Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris on 8 December 2017

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, meeting in Paris, with Ms Sahiba Gafarova (Azerbaijan, EC) and Mr Zsolt Csenger-Zalán (Hungary, EPP/CD) in the Chair,

- on Friday, 8 December 2017 at 9.30 a.m., as regards:

Ms Sahiba Gafarova (Azerbaijan, EC) in the Chair

- **Humanitarian consequences of the war in Ukraine** (Rapporteur: Mr Egidijus Vareikis, Lithuania, EPP/CD): heard a statement by the rapporteur, considered a draft report and adopted unanimously a preliminary draft resolution as amended and a preliminary draft recommendation;
- **International Migrants' Day (18 December)**: considered and adopted a draft Declaration;
- **The legal and practical requirements for extra-territorial processing of asylum claims** (Rapporteur: Mr Domagoj Hajduković, Croatia, SOC): heard a statement by the rapporteur and considered an introductory memorandum;
- **Human rights impacts of the "external dimension" of European Union asylum and migration policy: out of sight, out of mind?** (Rapporteur: Ms Tineke Strik, Netherlands, SOC): heard a statement by the rapporteur and considered an introductory memorandum; decided to change the title to "Human rights impacts of the 'external dimension' of European Union asylum and migration policy: out of sight, out of rights?"; authorised the rapporteur to carry out a fact-finding visit to Egypt, subject to the availability of financial resources of the Assembly and authorisation by the Bureau;
- **Search and rescue operations in the Mediterranean Sea**: decided to postpone the item until the next meeting;
- **Integration, empowerment and protection of migrant children through compulsory education** (Rapporteur: Ms Petra De Sutter, Belgium, SOC): heard a statement by the rapporteur and held an exchange of views with the participation of Mr İzzet Şahin, Board member responsible for Humanitarian Diplomacy, IHH Humanitarian Relief Foundation, Turkey and Mr Wouter Vandenhoele, UNICEF Chair in Children's Rights, Spokesperson Law and Development Research Group, University of Antwerp, Belgium;
- **General Rapporteur on Conditions of Reception of Refugees and Migrants**: heard a statement by Ms Petra De Sutter (Belgium, SOC), General Rapporteur, took note of the press release she had issued with regard to the reception conditions on the Greek islands and held an exchange of views with the participation of Ms Louise Roland-Gosselin, Advocacy Manager, Doctors Without Borders, Greece;

- **Refugees and migrants as an easy target for trafficking and exploitation** (Rapporteur: Mr Cezar-Florin Preda, Romania, EPP/CD): heard a statement by the rapporteur and considered an introductory memorandum; authorised the rapporteur to carry out fact-finding visits to Italy and Greece;
- **Family reunification in the Council of Europe member States** (Rapporteur: Ms Ulla Sandbæk, Denmark, UEL): in the absence of the rapporteur, held an exchange of views with Ms Amanda Taylor, Coordinator of the European Database of Asylum Law, European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE), Brussels;
- **on Friday, 8 December 2017 at 2.45 p.m.**, as regards:
 - **The humanitarian situation of refugees in the countries neighbouring Syria** (Rapporteur: Mr Manlio Di Stefano, Italy, NR): heard a statement by the rapporteur and considered an introductory memorandum; authorised the rapporteur to carry out a fact-finding visit to Turkey;
 - **Sub-Committee on Refugee and Migrant Children and Young People (10 October, Strasbourg)**: heard a statement by Mr Manlio Di Stefano (Italy, NR), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee;
 - **Parliamentary Network on Diaspora policies**: heard a statement by Mr Andrea Rigoni (Italy, ALDE), Coordinator of the Network, agreed to constitute, in January 2018, a new sub-committee entitled “Sub-Committee on Diasporas” to replace the Sub-Committee on Co-operation with non-European countries of origin and transit; agreed to hold a meeting of the new Sub-Committee in the context of the Regional meeting of the Parliamentary Network on Diaspora policies in Morocco (February 2018, subject to the authorisation of the Bureau);
 - **Sub-Committee on Co-operation with non-European countries of origin and transit (12 October, Strasbourg)**: heard a statement by Mr Andrea Rigoni (Italy, ALDE), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee;
 - **Development aid: a tool for preventing migration crises** (Rapporteur: Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez, Switzerland, SOC): following his appointment as a rapporteur on 20 September 2017, heard from him a declaration of absence of conflict of interest; considered an introductory memorandum and agreed to hold a hearing on the subject in January 2018;
 - **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 Professor Evelyne Schmid, Centre of European and International comparative law, University of Lausanne, Switzerland; agreed to ask the Bureau of the Assembly to invite Ms Cecilia Jimenez-Damary, UN Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons, to address the Assembly during the 2nd part-session of 2018 in the context of the debate;

Mr Zsolt Csenger-Zalán (Hungary, EPP/CD) in the Chair

- **Radicalisation of migrants and diaspora communities in Europe** (Rapporteur: Ms Sahiba Gafarova, Azerbaijan, EC): heard a statement by the rapporteur on her fact-finding visit to Italy (5-6 December 2017);

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- **Parliamentary Campaign to End Immigration Detention of Children**: in the absence of the General Rapporteur, Ms Doris Fiala (Switzerland, ALDE), heard a statement by Mr Roland Rino Büchel (Switzerland, ALDE), on the Training Seminar on “Monitoring places where children are deprived of their liberty as a result of immigration procedures” (Strasbourg, 20 November 2017) and heard a statement by the Chairperson of the Committee on the 11th Forum on the rights of the child on “Children deprived of their liberty and alternatives to detention” (Brussels, 6-8 November 2017);
- **Priorities of the Committee in 2018**: considered the priorities;

- **Meeting of the Committee in Jordan in 2018 (subject to the authorisation by the Bureau):** postponed the item until the next meeting;
- **Appointments of rapporteurs for reports:**
 - A legal status for "climate refugees":** postponed the appointment of a rapporteur until the next meeting;
 - Missing refugee and migrant children in Europe:** following a vote, appointed Ms Serap Yaşar (Turkey, EC) and heard from her a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
- **Motion for a resolution on “The implications of Brexit for migration” transmitted to the Committee for consultation:** heard a statement by Mr Killion Munyama (Poland, EPP/CD) and agreed to ask the Bureau of the Assembly that the motion for a resolution be referred to the Committee for report;
- **Representation of the Committee at various events:**
 - Workshop on the External Dimensions of EU Migration Policies: Effectiveness, Fairness and Rule of Law Reconsidered, organised by the University of Salamanca and the Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS, Brussels) in Salamanca, Spain on 19-20 October 2017: heard a statement by Ms Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC);
 - Meeting of the Committee of Experts on Administrative Detention of Migrants (CJ-DAM) organised by the Council of Europe, 25-27 October 2017, Strasbourg: heard a statement by Ms Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC);
- **Composition of the Sub-Committees:** approved the following changes:
 - Sub-Committee on Integration**
 - Lord Simon Russell (United Kingdom, NR) to become a titular member
 - Alexander [The Earl of] DUNDEE (United Kingdom, EC) to become an alternate member
 - Sub-Committee on Refugee and Migrant Children and Young People**
 - Mr Liam BYRNE (United Kingdom, SOC) to become a titular member
 - Ms Stella Creasy (United Kingdom, SOC) to become an alternate member
 - Sub-Committee on Co-operation with non-European countries of origin and transit**
 - Mr Nigel EVANS (United Kingdom, EC) to become a titular member
 - Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger (United Kingdom, EC) to become an alternate member
- **Next meetings:**
 - **Strasbourg**, during the 1st part-session 2018 (22-26 January)
 - **Amman (Jordan)**, March 2018 (tbc and subject to the authorisation of the Bureau)
 - **Strasbourg**, during the 2nd part-session 2018 (23-27 April)
 - **Paris**, 24 May 2018 (tbc)
 - **Strasbourg**, during the 3rd part-session 2018 (25-29 June)
 - **Paris**, 20 September 2018 (tbc)
 - **Strasbourg**, during the 4th part-session 2018 (8-12 October)
 - **Paris**, 5 December 2018 (tbc)

Other

- **Morocco**, February 2018, Meeting of the Sub-Committee on Diasporas in the context of the Regional meeting of the Parliamentary Network on Diaspora policies (tbc and subject to the authorisation of the Bureau)

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