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

Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 23, 24 and 25 January 2018

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, meeting in Strasbourg, with first Lord Simon Russell (United Kingdom, EC), oldest member present and then Ms Doris Fiala (Switzerland, ALDE) and Mr Killion Munyama (Poland, EPP/CD) in the Chair,

- on Tuesday, 23 January 2018 at 8.30 a.m., as regards:

Lord Simon Russell (United Kingdom, EC) in the Chair

- **Election of the Bureau of the Committee:** elected by acclamation Ms Doris Fiala (Switzerland, ALDE), Chairperson, and postponed the election of the 3 Vice-Chairpersons;

Ms Doris Fiala (Switzerland, ALDE) in the Chair

- **Constitution of Sub-Committees:** reconstituted the Sub-Committee on Integration and the Sub-Committee on Refugee and Migrant Children and Young People and constituted a Sub-Committee on Diasporas;

- **Humanitarian consequences of the war in Ukraine** (Rapporteur: Mr Egidijus Vareikis, Lithuania, EPP/CD): took position on the amendments tabled to the draft resolution;

- **Meeting of the Committee in Amman (Jordan), 21-22 March 2018:** heard a statement by Mr Khaled Albakkar, Chairperson of the Jordanian Partner for Democracy Delegation to the PACE and held an exchange of views;

- **How to encourage the migration of international students across Europe** (Rapporteur: Alexander [The Earl of] Dundee, United Kingdom, EC): heard a statement by the rapporteur, took note of a draft report and adopted unanimously a preliminary draft resolution; agreed to change the title of the report as follows: "How to encourage the movement of international students across Europe";

- **Appointment of a rapporteur for report:**

A legal status for "climate refugees": appointed Ms Marie-Christine Verdier-Jouclas (France, NR) and heard from her a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;

- **on Tuesday, 23 January 2018 at 2.00 p.m.**, as regards:
 - ***Parliamentary Campaign to End Immigration Detention of Children***: heard a statement by Ms Doris Fiala (Switzerland, ALDE), and held a round table on the implementation of alternatives to immigration detention of children, with the participation of Ms Lina Charašauskaitė, Advisor, International Cooperation Department, Ministry of Interior, Lithuania, Mr Geert Verbauwhede, Advisor, Immigration Office, Belgium (via video conference), Ms Annie Ortelli, Director of the Bâregg centre for unaccompanied minor asylum seekers, Bern and Mr Philippe Feliser, Advisor, Section Return Bases and Return Assistance, State Secretariat for Migration, Switzerland;
 - ***Development aid: a tool for preventing migration crises*** (Rapporteur: Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez, Switzerland, SOC): heard a statement by the rapporteur and held an exchange of views with Ms Isabelle Chevalley, Member of the National Council, Parliament of Switzerland, Bern;
- **on Wednesday, 24 January 2018 at 2.00 p.m.**, as regards:
 - ***Election of the three Vice-Chairpersons of the Committee***: elected by acclamation:
 - ✓ Mr Killion Munyama (Poland, EPP/CD), 1st Vice-Chairperson,
 - ✓ Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC), 2nd Vice-Chairperson,
 - ✓ Ms Serap Yaşar (Turkey, EC), 3rd Vice-Chairperson;
 - ***The humanitarian situation of refugees in the countries neighbouring Syria*** (Rapporteur: Mr Manlio Di Stefano, Italy, NR): heard a statement by the rapporteur and authorised him to carry out a fact-finding visit to Lebanon, subject to the authorisation of the Bureau and to the availability of financial resources of the Assembly;
 - ***Joint hearing on “The legal and practical requirements for extra-territorial processing of asylum claims”*** (Rapporteur: Mr Domagoj Hajduković, Croatia, SOC) and on ***“Human rights impacts of the “external dimension” of European Union asylum and migration policy: out of sight, out of rights?”*** (rapporteur: Ms Tineke Strik, Netherlands, SOC): heard statements by the rapporteurs and held a hearing (via video conference) with the participation of Ms Carol Batchelor, Director of the Division of International Protection, UNHCR, Geneva, Mr Leonello Gabrici, Head of Division for Migration and Human Security, European External Action Service, European Commission, Brussels and Mr Othman Belbeisi, Head of the IOM Mission in Libya; subject to the availability of financial resources of the Assembly, authorised Mr Domagoj Hajduković (Croatia, SOC) to carry out a fact-finding visit to Brussels and Ms Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC) to carry out fact-finding visits to Turkey and Brussels; approved the request of Ms Tineke Strik to send letters to FRONTEX, EUNAFOR Med, Inmarsat plc and the Libyan Navy;
 - ***Composition of the Sub-Committees***: approved the list of members of the three Sub-Committees;
- **on Thursday, 25 January 2018 at 8.30 a.m.**, as regards:
 - ***Priorities of the Committee in 2018***: approved the Chairperson’s proposal to ask in writing all members for views on national priorities in the area of migration and refugees with a view to holding a discussion during the next meeting;
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, considered a preliminary draft report and held an exchange of views;
 - ***Integration, empowerment and protection of migrant children through compulsory education*** (Rapporteur: Ms Petra De Sutter, Belgium, SOC): heard a statement by the rapporteur, considered a preliminary draft report and held an exchange of views;
 - ***Search and rescue operations in the Mediterranean Sea***: heard a statement by Ms Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC), took note of the replies by the Italian authorities, and held an exchange of views;

- **The situation in Libya – prospects and role of the Council of Europe:** heard a statement by Ms Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC) on the report being prepared by the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy and agreed to request to the Bureau to be seized for opinion on this report;

Mr Killion Munyama (Poland, EPP/CD) in the Chair

- **Implications of the 2018 PACE Budget situation on Committee's work:** heard a statement by Mr Wojciech Sawicki, Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly, and held an exchange of views;
- **Parliamentary Network on Diaspora policies:** postponed until the next meeting the statement by Mr Andrea Rigoni (Italy, ALDE), Coordinator of the Network on the meeting of the Network in Rabat (8 February 2018) on "Which type of integration of migrants can be applied to prevent radicalisation: the role of parliaments and diaspora associations";
- **Sub-Committee on Diasporas (24 January, Strasbourg):** postponed until the next meeting the statement by Mr Andrea Rigoni (Italy, ALDE), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee;
- **Sub-Committee on Refugee and Migrant Children and Young People (24 January, Strasbourg):** agreed to hold a meeting of the Sub-Committee in London on 26 March 2018, subject to the authorisation of the Bureau and to the availability of financial resources of the Assembly;
- **Recommendation 2108 (2017) on "A comprehensive humanitarian and political response to the migration and refugee crisis and the continuing flows into Europe" (Rapporteur: Mr Duarte Marques, Portugal, EPP/CD) and Recommendation 2109 (2017) on "Migration as an opportunity for European Development" (rapporteur: Mr Andrea Rigoni, Italy, ALDE):** postponed until the next meeting the consideration of the joint reply from the Committee of Ministers;
- **Representation of the Committee at various events:**

Meeting of the Committee of Experts on Administrative Detention of Migrants (CJ-DAM) organised by the Council of Europe, 21-23 February 2018, Paris: appointed Ms Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC), subject to the availability of financial resources of the Assembly;

Expert round table on hate crime against migrants, organised by the OSCE Office for Democratic institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR), 27-28 February 2018, London: appointed Mr Andrea Rigoni (Italy, ALDE), without cost for the Assembly;

- **Appointments of rapporteurs:**

The implications of Brexit for migration: postponed until the next meeting the appointment of a rapporteur;

Violence and discrimination against religious minorities in refugee camps across Europe: postponed until the next meeting the appointment of a rapporteur;

- **Next meetings:**

- **Amman (Jordan)**, 21-22 March 2018
- **Strasbourg**, during the 2nd part-session 2018 (23-27 April)
- **Paris**, 24 May 2018
- **Strasbourg**, during the 3rd part-session 2018 (25-29 June)
- **Paris**, 20 September 2018
- **Strasbourg**, during the 4th part-session 2018 (8-12 October)
- **Paris**, 5 December 2018

Others

- **Rabat (Morocco)**, 8 February 2018, Meeting of the Sub-Committee on Diasporas on the occasion of the Regional meeting of the Parliamentary Network on Diaspora policies
- **London**, 26 March 2018, joint meeting of the Sub-Committee on Refugee and Migrant Children and Young People and the Sub-Committee on Culture, Diversity and Heritage (of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media), subject to the authorisation of the Bureau

The **Sub-Committee on Integration**, meeting in Strasbourg on 24 January 2018, with Ms Doris Fiala (Switzerland, ALDE) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of a Chairperson:** postponed the election until the next meeting;
- **Election of a Vice-Chairperson:** postponed the election until the next meeting;
- **Next meeting:** during the 2nd part session of the Assembly 2018.

The **Sub-Committee on Refugee and Migrant Children and Young People**, meeting in Strasbourg on 24 January 2018, with first Ms Doris Fiala (Switzerland, ALDE), and then Mr Manlio Di Stefano (Italy, NR) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of a Chairperson:** re-elected Mr Manlio Di Stefano (Italy, NR) by acclamation;
- **Election of a Vice-Chairperson:** elected Alexander [The Earl of] Dundee (United Kingdom, EC) by acclamation;
- **Future activities of the Sub-Committee:** following an invitation by the Chairperson of the PACE Delegation of the United Kingdom to hold a meeting of the Sub-Committee jointly with the Sub-Committee on Culture, Minority and Heritage, decided to hold this meeting in London on 26 March 2018, subject to the authorisation of the Bureau and the availability of financial resources of the Assembly;
- **Next meeting:** London, 26 March 2018, subject to the authorisation of the Bureau and to the availability of financial resources of the Assembly.

The **Sub-Committee on Diasporas**, meeting in Strasbourg on 24 January 2018, with first Ms Doris Fiala (Switzerland, ALDE), and then Mr Andrea Rigoni (Italy, ALDE) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of a Chairperson:** elected Mr Andrea Rigoni (Italy, ALDE) by acclamation;
- **Election of a Vice-Chairperson:** elected Mr Duarte Marques (Portugal, EPP/CD) by acclamation;
- **Future activities of the Sub-Committee:** heard a statement by the Chairperson on the next meeting of the Sub-Committee on the occasion of the meeting of the Parliamentary Network on Diaspora policies in Rabat (8 February 2018) on “Which type of integration of migrants can be applied to prevent radicalisation: the role of parliaments and diaspora associations” and held an exchange of views with Ms Aicha Lablak, member of the Partner for Democracy Delegation of Morocco to the PACE;
- **Next meeting:** Rabat, 8 February 2018.

Agnieszka Nachilo, Penelope Denu, Rüdiger Dossow, Olga Kostenko

cc: Secretary General of the Assembly
Director and all staff of the Secretariat of the Assembly
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
Director of Communication
Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe

APPENDIX / ANNEXE**Composition of the Sub-Committees / Composition des sous-commissions****1. Sub-Committee on Integration / Sous-commission sur l'intégration***27 seats / sièges***Chairperson / Présidente:****Vice-Chairperson / Vice-Présidente**

COUNTRY / PAYS	MEMBER / MEMBRE	ALTERNATE / REMPLACANT
1. ANDORRA / ANDORRE	Ms Judith PALLARÉS (ALDE)	
2. BELGIUM / BELGIQUE	Ms Petra DE SUTTER (SOC)	Ms Daphné DUMERY (NR)
3. CROATIA / CROATIE	Mr Domagoj HAJDUKOVIĆ (SOC)	
4. CYPRUS / CHYPRE	Ms Stella KYRIAKIDES (EPP/CD)	Ms Christiana EROTKRITOU (SOC)
5. FINLAND / FINLANDE	Ms Susanna HUOVINEN (SOC)	
6. FRANCE	Mme Marie-Christine VERDIER-JOUCLAS (NI)	
7. FRANCE	Mme Yolaine de COURZON (NI)	
8. GEORGIA / GÉORGIE	Mr Zviad KVATCHANTIRADZE (SOC)	
9. GERMANY / ALLEMAGNE	Mr Marc BERNHARD (NR)	Mr Konstantin KUHLE (ALDE)
10. GERMANY / ALLEMAGNE	Mr Martin HEBNER (NR)	
11. GREECE / GRÈCE	Mr Georgios PSYCHOGIOS (UEL)	Ms Liana KANELLI (UEL)
12. IRELAND / IRLANDE	Mr Seán CROWE (UEL)	
13. ITALY / ITALIE	Mr Luis Alberto ORELLANA (ALDE)	
14. ITALY / ITALIE	Mr Francesco VERDUCCI (SOC)	
15. LUXEMBOURG	Ms Martine MERGEN (EPP/CD)	
16. ROMANIA / ROUMANIE	Mr Ionuț-Marian STROE (EPP/CD)	M. Gheorghe Dinu SOCOTAR (SOC)
17. SERBIA / SERBIE	Mr Aleksandar STEVANOVIĆ (ALDE)	
18. SWEDEN / SUÈDE	Mr Michael SVENSSON (EPP/CD)	Ms Eva-Lena JANSSON (SOC)
19. SWITZERLAND / SUISSE	Mr Roland Rino BÜCHEL (ALDE)	Mr Thomas MÜLLER (ALDE)
20. TURKEY / TURQUIE	Ms Serap YAŞAR (EC)	
21. TURKEY / TURQUIE	Mr Yasin AKTAY (FDG)	
22. UNITED KINGDOM / ROYAUME-UNI	Lord Simon Russell (EC)	Alexander [The Earl of] DUNDEE (EC)
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2. Sub-Committee on Refugee and Migrant Children and Young People / Sous-commission sur les enfants et les jeunes réfugiés et migrants
27 seats / sièges

Chairperson / Président:

1. ITALY / ITALIE Mr Manlio DI STEFANO (NR) Mr Vanino CHITI (SOC)

Vice-Chairperson / Vice-Présidente

2. UNITED KINGDOM / ROYAUME-UNI Alexander [The Earl of] DUNDEE (EC)

COUNTRY / PAYS	MEMBER / MEMBRE	ALTERNATE / REMPLACANT
3. ARMENIA / ARMÉNIE	Ms Naira ZOHRABYAN (EC)	
4. AUSTRIA / AUTRICHE	Mr Eduard KÖCK (EPP/CD)	
5. AZERBAIJAN / AZERBAÏDJAN	Ms Sahiba GAFAROVA (EC)	
6. BELGIUM / BELGIQUE	Ms Daphné DUMERY (NR)	Ms Kristien VAN VAERENBERGH (NR)
7. BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA / BOSNIE-HERZÉGOVINE	Ms Milica MARKOVIĆ (FDG)	
8. CYPRUS / CHYPRE	Ms Stella KYRIAKIDES (EPP/CD)	Ms Christiana EROTOKRITOU (SOC)
9. FINLAND / FINLANDE	Ms Susanna HUOVINEN (SOC)	
10. FRANCE	Mme Sylvie GOY-CHAVENT (PPE/DC)	M. Bernard CAZEAU (NI)
11. FRANCE	Mme Marie-Christine VERDIER-JOUCLAS (NI)	
12. FRANCE	M. Jérôme LAMBERT (SOC)	
13. GEORGIA / GÉORGIE	Mr David BAKRADZE (EPP/CD)	
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19. ITALY / ITALIE	Mr Andrea RIGONI (ALDE)	
20. MONTENEGRO / MONTÉNÉGRO	Mr Predrag SEKULIĆ (SOC)	
21. PORTUGAL	Mr Paulo PISCO (SOC)	
22. ROMANIA / ROUMANIE	Ms Cristina-Mădălina PRUNĂ (NR)	
23. SWITZERLAND / SUISSE	M. Pierre-Alain FRIDEZ (SOC)	
24. TURKEY / TURQUIE	Mr Yildirim Tuğrul TÜRKEŞ (EC)	
25. TURKEY / TURQUIE	Ms Zühal TOPCU (EC)	
26. UNITED KINGDOM / ROYAUME-UNI	Mr Virendra SHARMA (SOC)	Ms Stella Creasy (SOC)
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3. Sub-Committee on Diasporas / Sous-commission sur les diasporas

27 seats / sièges

Chairperson / Président:

1. Italy / Italie Mr Andrea RIGONI (ALDE) Mr Claudio FAZZONE (EPP/CD)

Vice-Chairperson / Vice-Président

2. Portugal Mr Duarte MARQUES (EPP/CD)

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7. BELGIUM / BELGIQUE	Ms Sabien LAHAYE-BATTHEU (ALDE)	Ms Petra DE SUTTER (SOC)
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9. CZECH REPUBLIC / RÉPUBLIQUE TCHÈQUE	Mr Jiří KOBZA (NR)	
10. DENMARK / DANEMARK	Mr Rasmus NORDQVIST (UEL)	
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19. MONTENEGRO / MONTÉNÉGRO	Mr Predrag SEKULIĆ (SOC)	
20. NORWAY / NORVÈGE	Mr Vetle Wang SOLEIM (EPP/CD)	
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22. PORTUGAL	Mr Paulo PISCO (SOC)	Ms Ana Catarina MENDES (SOC)
23. ROMANIA / ROUMANIE	Mr Cezar-Florin PREDA (EPP/CD)	Mr Tit-Liviu BRĂILOIU (SOC)
24. SPAIN / ESPAGNE	Mr Antonio GUTIÉRREZ (SOC)	
25. SPAIN / ESPAGNE	Ms Soraya RODRÍGUEZ RAMOS (SOC)	
26. SWITZERLAND / SUISSE	Mr Pierre-Alain FRIDEZ (SOC)	
27. UNITED KINGDOM / ROYAUME-UNI	Mr Nigel EVANS (EC)	Mr Ian LIDDELL-GRAINGER (EC)

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