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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, 25 and 26 April 2018

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, meeting in Strasbourg, with Ms Doris Fiala (Switzerland, ALDE) and Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC) in the Chair,

- on Monday, 23 April 2018 at 2.00 p.m., with Ms Doris Fiala (Switzerland, ALDE) in the Chair, as regards:
 - **The situation in Libya: prospects and role of the Council of Europe** (Rapporteur for opinion: Ms Tineke Strik, Netherlands, SOC): considered and approved a draft opinion, including twelve amendments;
 - **Joint hearing on “Refugees and migrants as an easy target for trafficking and exploitation”** (Rapporteur: Mr Cezar-Florin Preda, Romania, EPP/CD) and **“Missing refugee and migrant children in Europe”** (Rapporteur: Ms Serap Yaşar, Turkey, EC): in the absence of the rapporteurs, postponed the item until the next meeting;
 - **Defining guidelines for international NGOs** (Rapporteur: Ms Daphné Dumery, Belgium, NR): heard a statement by the rapporteur and considered an introductory memorandum; agreed to change the title as follows: “Rights and obligations of NGOs assisting refugees and migrants in Europe”;
- on Tuesday, 24 April 2018 at 2.00 p.m., with Ms Doris Fiala (Switzerland, ALDE) in the Chair, as regards:
 - **Priorities of the Committee in 2018**: postponed the item until the next meeting;
 - **Human rights impact of the “external dimension” of European Union asylum and migration policy: out of sight, out of rights?** (Rapporteur: Ms Tineke Strik, Netherlands, SOC): heard a statement by the rapporteur and considered a preliminary draft report; held an exchange of views with Ms Gauri van Gulik, Amnesty International Director for Europe;
 - **Statement by Ms Cecilia Jimenez-Damary, UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons**: heard a statement and held an exchange of views;

- ***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 a preliminary draft report; held an exchange of views with Mr Erkan Doğanay, Head of the Intervention Department of the Turkish Disaster and Emergency Management Authority (AFAD);
- **on Wednesday, 25 April 2018 at 2.00 p.m.**, with Ms Doris Fiala (Switzerland, ALDE) in the Chair, as regards:
 - ***Humanitarian needs and rights of internally displaced persons in Europe*** (Rapporteur: Mr Killion Munyama, Poland, EPP/CD): took position on the amendments tabled to the draft resolution and recommendation;
 - ***Blockchain as an opportunity in the context of migration***: heard a statement by Mr James Song, CEO of ExsulCoin and held an exchange of views; postponed the adoption of a draft motion for a resolution on “The use of innovative technologies for the benefit of migrants” until the next meeting;
- **on Thursday, 26 April 2018 at 2.00 p.m.**, with Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC) in the Chair, as regards:
 - ***Integration, empowerment and protection of migrant children through compulsory education*** (Rapporteur: Ms Petra De Sutter, Belgium, SOC): was informed that no amendments were tabled to the draft resolution;
 - ***UN Global Compact for migration***: held an exchange of views with the participation of Mr Eduard Gnesa, former Ambassador of Switzerland for international migration, Chair of the Expert group to the Global Forum on Migration and Development and Ambassador Tomáš Boček, Special Representative of the Secretary General on Migration and Refugees;
 - ***The legal and practical requirements for extra-territorial processing of asylum claims*** (Rapporteur: Mr Domagoj Hajduković, Croatia, SOC): in the absence of the rapporteur, took note of a preliminary draft report;
 - ***A legal status for “climate refugees”*** (Rapporteur: Ms Marie-Christine Verdier-Jouclas, France, NR): heard a statement by the rapporteur and considered an introductory memorandum; authorised the rapporteur to carry out a fact-finding visit to Geneva (United Nations), subject to the availability of financial resources of the Assembly;
 - ***Radicalisation of migrants and diaspora communities in Europe*** (Rapporteur: Ms Sahiba Gafarova, Azerbaijan, EC): in the absence of the rapporteur, heard a presentation by Ms Karin Heremans, Co-Chair, Education Working Group, RAN Network (Radicalisation Awareness Network) of the European Commission;
 - ***Sub-Committee on Diasporas***: heard a statement by Mr Andrea Rigoni (Italy, ALDE), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee, on the meetings held in Strasbourg on 24 January 2018, in Rabat, Morocco, on 8 February 2018 and in Strasbourg on 25 April 2018;
 - ***Parliamentary Network on Diaspora Policies***: heard a statement by the Coordinator, Mr Andrea Rigoni (Italy, ALDE) and agreed to hold a meeting of the Sub-Committee on Diasporas in the context of the Annual Diaspora Forum in Geneva (18 May 2018), subject to the authorisation by the Bureau;
 - ***Sub-Committee on Refugee and Migrant Children and Young People***: postponed the statement by Alexander [The Earl of] Dundee (United Kingdom, EC), Vice-Chairperson of the Sub-Committee, on the joint meeting with the Sub-Committee on Culture, Diversity and Heritage (London, 26 March 2018) until the next meeting;

- **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 the consideration of the joint reply from the Committee of Ministers to Recommendations 2108 (2017) and 2109 (2017) until the next meeting;

- **Appointments of rapporteurs for reports:**

Concerted action on human trafficking: appointed Mr Vernon Coaker (United Kingdom, SOC) and heard from him a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;

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

- **Representation of the Committee at various events:**

9th Meeting of the Committee of experts on administrative detention of migrants (CJ-DAM), 21-23 February 2018, Paris: heard a statement by Ms Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC);

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

Sub-Committee on Integration

- Mr Paul Gavan (Ireland, UEL) to become a full member
- Ms Ulla Sandbæk (Denmark, UEL) to become a full member

Sub-Committee on Refugee and Migrant Children and Young People

- Mr Paul Gavan (Ireland, UEL) to become an alternate member of Mr Barry Cowen (ALDE)

- **Next meetings:**

- **Paris**, 4 June 2018
- **Strasbourg**, during the 3rd part-session 2018 (25-29 June)
- **Paris**, 21 September 2018
- **Strasbourg**, during the 4th part-session 2018 (8-12 October)
- **Paris**, 5 December 2018

Other

- **Geneva**, 18 May 2018, Sub-Committee on Diasporas in the context of the Annual Diaspora Forum, subject to the authorisation by the Bureau

The Sub-Committee on Integration, meeting in Strasbourg on 25 April 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:** Third part-session of the Assembly 2018.

The Sub-Committee on Diasporas, meeting in Strasbourg on 25 April 2018, with Mr Andrea Rigoni (Italy, ALDE), in the Chair, as regards:

- **Annual Diaspora Forum (Geneva, 18 May 2018)**: heard a statement by the Chairperson and agreed to hold a meeting of the Sub-Committee in the context of the Annual Diaspora Forum, subject to the authorisation by the Bureau; held an exchange of views with Ms Marina Manke, Head of Labour Mobility and Human Development Division of IOM;
- **Next meeting**: Geneva, 18 May 2018, subject to the authorisation by the Bureau.

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