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

Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 25, 26, 27 and 28 June 2018

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, meeting in Strasbourg, with Ms Doris Fiala (Switzerland, ALDE) and Mr Killion Munyama (Poland, EPP/CD) in the Chair,

- on Monday, 25 June 2018 at 2.00 p.m., with Ms Doris Fiala (Switzerland, ALDE) in the Chair, as regards:
 - **Debate under urgent procedure:** following the ratification by the Assembly and the referral to the Committee of the request to hold a debate under urgent procedure on “International obligations of Council of Europe member States: to protect life at sea”, appointed Ms Petra De Sutter (Belgium, SOC) as rapporteur and heard from her a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
 - **Encouraging the movement of international students across Europe** (Rapporteur: Alexander [The Earl of] Dundee, United Kingdom, EC): considered and approved an addendum to the report and adopted two amendments proposed by the rapporteur on behalf of the Committee;
 - **Sub-Committee on Refugee and Migrant Children and Young People:** heard a 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);
 - **The implications of Brexit for migration** (Rapporteur: Mr Killion Munyama, Poland, EPP/CD): heard a statement by the rapporteur and considered an introductory memorandum; authorised the rapporteur to carry out a fact-finding visit to the United Kingdom, subject to the availability of financial resources of the Assembly;
 - **Recommendation 2119 (2018) on “Humanitarian consequences of the war in Ukraine”** (Rapporteur: Mr Egidijus Vareikis, Lithuania, EPP/CD): heard a statement by the rapporteur and considered the reply from the Committee of Ministers to Recommendation 2119 (2018);
 - **Parliamentary Campaign to End Immigration Detention of Children:** appointed Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC), General Rapporteur of the Parliamentary Campaign to End Immigration Detention of Children and heard from him a declaration of absence of conflict of interest; informed the Committee that a parliamentary visit for interested members to SOS Children’s Villages (alternative centres for migrant children) would take place in Greece on 23 July 2018, subject to the availability of financial resources of the Assembly;

- **on Tuesday, 26 June 2018 at 8.30 a.m.**, with Ms Doris Fiala (Switzerland, ALDE) in the Chair, as regards:
 - ***International obligations of Council of Europe member States: to protect life at sea*** (Rapporteur: Ms Petra De Sutter, Belgium, SOC): considered a draft report and adopted a preliminary draft resolution as amended and a preliminary draft recommendation;
 - ***The humanitarian situation of refugees in the countries neighbouring Syria*** (Rapporteur: Mr Manlio Di Stefano, Italy, NR): took position on the amendments tabled to the draft resolution;
 - ***Stop violence and exploitation of migrant children*** (Rapporteur: Mr Andrea Rigoni, Italy, ALDE): heard a statement by the rapporteur and considered an introductory memorandum;
 - ***Parliamentary Network on Diaspora Policies***: heard a statement by the Coordinator, Mr Andrea Rigoni (Italy, ALDE), on the Annual Diaspora Forum held in Geneva on 18 May 2018;
 - ***Sub-Committee on Diasporas***: heard a statement by Mr Andrea Rigoni (Italy, ALDE), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on the meeting held in Geneva (18 May 2018), in the context of the Annual Diaspora Forum; heard a communication on the next meeting of the Sub-Committee in the context of the Regional meeting of the Parliamentary Network on Diaspora Policies to be held in Kyiv (24 September 2018);
- **on Wednesday, 27 June 2018 at 2.00 p.m.**, with Ms Doris Fiala (Switzerland, ALDE) and Mr Killion Munyama (Poland, EPP/CD) in the Chair, as regards:
 - ***Extra-territorial processing of asylum claims and the creation of safe refugee shelters abroad*** (Rapporteur: Mr Domagoj Hajduković, Croatia, SOC): took position on the amendments tabled to the draft resolution and the draft recommendation;
 - ***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): took position on the amendments tabled to the draft resolution;
 - ***International obligations of Council of Europe member States: to protect life at sea*** (Rapporteur: Ms Petra De Sutter, Belgium, SOC): was informed that no amendments had been tabled to the draft resolution and the draft recommendation;
 - ***World Forum for Democracy on “Women’s participation in public and political affairs”*** (Strasbourg, 19-21 November 2018): took note of the draft programme and proposed that Ms Rósa Björk Brynjólfssdóttir (Iceland, UEL) and Mr Killion Munyama (Poland, EPP/CD) be appointed to the *ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau of the Assembly;
 - ***Family reunification in the Council of Europe member States*** (Rapporteur: Ms Ulla Sandbæk, Denmark, UEL): held an exchange of views with Ms Sophie Magennis, Head of the Political and Legal Unit of the UNHCR Bureau for Europe, Geneva; heard a statement by the rapporteur and considered a preliminary draft report;
- **on Thursday, 28 June 2018 at 2.00 p.m.**, with Mr Killion Munyama (Poland, EPP/CD) in the Chair, as regards:
 - ***Missing refugee and migrant children in Europe*** (Rapporteur: Ms Serap Yaşar, Turkey, EC): held an exchange of views with Ms Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children and President of Missing Children Europe; heard a statement by the rapporteur and considered an introductory memorandum;
 - ***Rights and obligations of NGOs assisting refugees and migrants in Europe*** (Rapporteur: Ms Daphné Dumery, Belgium, NR): held an exchange of views with the participation of Mr Ruben Neugebauer, Spokesperson and co-founder of the Sea Watch NGO, Berlin and Ms Anna Rurka, President of the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe; heard a statement by the rapporteur and authorised her to carry out a fact-finding visit to Malta, subject to the availability of financial resources of the Assembly;

- **Sub-Committee on Integration:** postponed the statement by the Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on the meeting held on 25 June 2018 until the next meeting;
- **Work programme:** agreed to ask the Bureau of the Assembly to request that the motion for a resolution on “Reception and integration of refugees in Jordan: an example for Europe” be referred to it for report;
- **Appointments of rapporteurs for reports:**
 - Violence and discrimination against religious minorities in refugee camps across Europe:** postponed the appointment of a rapporteur until the next meeting;
 - Refugees and migrants as an easy target for trafficking and exploitation:** agreed to ask the Bureau of the Assembly to combine this report with “**Concerted action on human trafficking**” (rapporteur: Mr Vernon Coaker, United Kingdom, SOC) under the latter title;
- **Next meetings:**
 - **Paris (National Assembly)**, 21 September 2018
 - **Strasbourg**, during the 4th part-session 2018 (8-12 October)
 - **Paris**, 5 December 2018

Other

- **Kyiv**, 24 September 2018, Sub-Committee on Diasporas in the context of the Regional meeting of the Parliamentary Network on Diaspora Policies

The Sub-Committee on Integration, meeting in Strasbourg on 25 June 2018, with Ms Doris Fiala (Switzerland, ALDE) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of a Chairperson:** elected Mr Georgios Psychogios (Greece, UEL) following a vote;
- **Election of a Vice-Chairperson:** elected Mr Domagoj Hajduković (Croatia, SOC) by acclamation;
- **Next meeting:** left it to its Chairperson to convene the next meeting;

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