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

Revised synopsis of the meeting held in Paris on 5 December 2018

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, meeting in Paris on 5 December 2018, with Mr Killion Munyama (Poland, EPP/CD) and Ms Serap Yaşar (Turkey, EC) in the Chair, as regards:

- **International Migrants' Day (18 December):** considered and adopted a draft Declaration;
- **Development co-operation: a tool for preventing migration crises** (*Rapporteur: Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez, Switzerland, SOC*): considered a preliminary draft report;
- **Greek islands: more needs to be done** (*Rapporteur: Ms Petra De Sutter, Belgium, SOC*): considered a preliminary draft report;
- **Labour migration from Eastern Europe and its impact on socio-demographic processes in these countries** (*Rapporteur: Mr Ionuț-Marian Stroe, Romania, EPP/CD*): heard a statement by the rapporteur on his fact-finding visit to Poland (22-24 October 2018); considered a preliminary draft report and held an exchange of views with the participation of Mr Jean-Christophe Dumont, Head of the International Migration Division, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD); and agreed to request the extension of reference until end of June 2019;
- **Priorities of the Committee in 2019:** held an exchange of views of the priorities of the Committee;
- **Appointments of rapporteur for report:**
Unaccompanied and separated migrant children: the need for effective guardianship (Doc. 14637): appointed, following a vote, Ms Sahiba Gafarova (Azerbaijan, EC) and heard from her a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
- **Appointment of a rapporteur for opinion:**
The impact of labour migration on left-behind children (Doc. 14537): appointed Ms Stella Kyriakides (Cyprus, EPP/CD) and heard from her a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
- **Concerted action on human trafficking** (*Rapporteur: Mr Vernon Coaker, United Kingdom, SOC*): considered an introductory memorandum; held an exchange of views with the participation of Ms Michaele De Cock, Head of Research and Evaluation Unit, International Labour Organization (ILO), Geneva and Ms Jesse Chase-Lubitz, Reporter, Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project OCCRP, New York (via videoconference);
- **The implications of Brexit for migration** (*Rapporteur: Mr Killion Munyama, Poland, EPP/CD*): considered a preliminary draft report;

- **Council of Europe codifying instrument on the administrative detention of migrants:** heard a statement by Ms Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC) and held an exchange of views with Ms Revijara Oosterhuis, Coordinator, Meldpunt Vreemdelingendetentie (Hotline for Detained Undocumented Foreigners), Netherlands; decided to ask Ms Strik to prepare a committee position on this subject for the next meeting;

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

Sub-Committee on Refugee and Migrant Children and Young People:

- Mr Bernard Cazeau (France, NR) to become a titular member;

- **Other business:**

- **Rights and obligations of NGOs assisting refugees and migrants in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Ms Daphné Dumery, Belgium, NR*): authorised the rapporteur to carry out a fact-finding visit to Berlin (instead of Malta authorised previously);
- **Pushback action by member States** (Doc. 14645): subject to the referral of the motion for a resolution to the Committee for report by the Assembly, noted the interest of Ms Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC) in becoming rapporteur;
- **Humanitarian action for refugees and migrants in countries at the southern Mediterranean Sea** (Doc. 14654): supported the motion for a resolution tabled by Lord Dundee (United Kingdom, EC) and other members and decided to ask the Bureau to refer it to the committee for report;
- **11th Meeting of the Global Forum on Migration and Development (Marrakech, 5-7 December 2018):** noted that Mr Fabien Gouttefarde (France, NR) would participate in this meeting and inform the committee afterwards about the meeting;
- thanked the Swiss Delegation for the invitation to meet in Zurich in 2019;

- **Next meetings:** decided to hold its next meetings as follows:

Plenary committee:

- **Strasbourg**, during the 1st part-session 2019 (21-25 January)
- **Paris**, 26 March 2019 (tbc)
- **Strasbourg**, during the 2nd part-session 2019 (8-12 April)
- **Zurich**, June 2019 (*subject to approval by the Bureau and the availability of funds*)
- **Strasbourg**, during the 3rd part-session 2019 (24-28 June)
- **Paris**, 6 September 2019 (tbc)
- **Strasbourg**, during the 4th part-session 2019 (30 September-4 October)
- **Paris**, 2 December 2019 (tbc)

Sub-Committee on Integration:

- **Ankara (Turkey)**, March 2019 (*date tbc and subject to the approval of the Bureau and the availability of funds*).

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