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

Synopsis of the meeting held in Kyiv, Ukraine on 24 September 2018

The Sub-Committee on Diasporas, meeting in Kyiv, Ukraine, with first, Mr Yıldırım Tuğrul Türkeş (Turkey, EC) oldest member present, and then Mr Duarte Marques (Portugal, EPP/CD) in the Chair,

- on Monday, 24 September 2018 at 2.30 p.m., as regards:
 - **Election of a Chairperson of the Sub-Committee:** elected by acclamation Mr Duarte Marques (Portugal, EPP/CD) Chairperson and postponed the election of a Vice-Chairperson;
 - **Appointment of a Coordinator of the Parliamentary Network on Diaspora Policies:** agreed to appoint Mr Duarte Marques (Portugal, EPP/CD) as Coordinator;
 - **European Diaspora Prize:** postponed the awarding of the Prize until the Annual Forum of the Network in 2019;
 - **Regional Conference of the Parliamentary Network on Diaspora Policies on “Platform for co-operation policies: role of diaspora associations and synergies with public authorities”:** took part in the Regional Conference with the following participants:
 - **Mr Volodymyr Arieu** (Ukraine, EPP/CD), Vice-President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
 - **Mr Andrea Rigoni**, outgoing Coordinator of the Parliamentary Network on Diaspora Policies
 - **Mr Killion Munyama**, Member of the Polish delegation to PACE
 - **Ms Mariia Ionova**, Deputy Chairperson of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine Committee on European Integration
 - **Mr Božo Ljubić**, Chairperson of the Committee on Croats outside the Republic of Croatia of the Croatian Parliament
 - **Mr Yıldırım Tuğrul Turkes**, Member of the Turkish delegation to PACE
 - **Mr Pierre-Yves Le Borgn'**, former member of the French National Assembly, representing the French living abroad
 - **Mr Eduard Carlo Gnesa**, Dr. iur. Former Special Ambassador for International Cooperation in Migration Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (ADFA)
 - **Mr Vasyl Bodnar**, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine
 - **Mr Varlam Badzagua**, Deputy Director of the Diaspora Relations Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia
 - **Mr Ghenadie Slobodeniuc**, Deputy Head of the Bureau for Diaspora Relations, Government of the Republic of Moldova
 - **Dr Talip Küçükcan**, Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology, Marmara University, Turkey
 - **Mr Serhiy Kasyanchuk**, Director of the Ukrainian World Congress Mission to Ukraine

- **Mr Duarte Marques**, member of Portuguese delegation to PACE
 - **Mr Alexandru Ambros**, Mayor of Ungheni, Republic of Moldova
 - **Mr Michel Terestchenko**, Mayor of Hlukhiv, Ukraine
 - **Ms Fiona Godfrey**, Deputy Chair of the British in Europe Association, Luxembourg
 - **Mr James Omolo**, President of Africa Connect Foundation, Poland
 - **Ms Oksana Yurynets**, Chairperson of the subcommittee on regional and cross-border cooperation between Ukraine and the EU countries of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine
- **Future activities of the Sub-Committee:** held an exchange of views;
- **Next meeting:** January 2019.

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