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

### Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris on 26 March 2019

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, meeting in Paris on 26 March 2019, with Mr Killion Munyama (Poland, EPP/CD) and Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC) in the Chair, as regards:

- **The situation of migrants and refugees on the Greek islands: more needs to be done** (*Rapporteur: Ms Petra De Sutter, Belgium, SOC*): heard a presentation by Ms Anna Farrow, Resident Coordinator at Lesbos, Boat Refugee Foundation, Ede, Netherlands (via videoconference); considered amendments proposed by Ms Ioanneta Kavvadia, Ms Anastasia Christodouloupoulou and Mr Georgios Psychogios (Greece, UEL) as well as by Ms Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC) and decided to table six amendments on behalf of the Committee;
- **The implications of Brexit for migration** (*Rapporteur: Mr Killion Munyama, Poland, EPP/CD*): considered a revised preliminary draft report; held an exchange of views with the participation of Ms Anne-Laure Donskoy, Research Lead, The3million, Bristol, United Kingdom;
- **A legal status for “climate refugees”** (*Rapporteur: Ms Marie-Christine Verdier-Jouclas, France, NR*): considered a preliminary draft report; held an exchange of views with the participation of Ms Christel Cournil, Senior lecturer in public law, Université Paris 13, and Mr Alex Randall, Climate and Migration Coalition, Cambridge, United Kingdom;
- **Exchange of views with Ambassador Tomáš Boček, Special Representative of the Secretary General on migration and refugees**: held an exchange of views on the activities of the Special Representative and in particular, in the context of the report under preparation in the Committee on pushback action by member States, and on his fact-finding missions to Bosnia and Herzegovina and to Croatia;
- **Pushback action by member States** (*Rapporteur: Ms Tineke Strik, Netherlands, SOC*): considered a preliminary draft report; held an exchange of views with the participation of Ms Jelena Sesar, Researcher – Balkans, Europe Regional Office, Amnesty International, London and Mr Kris Pollet, Head of legal and policy research, European Council on Refugees and Exiles, Brussels;
- **Stop violence and exploitation of migrant children** (*Rapporteur: Ms Rósa Björk Brynjólfssdóttir, Iceland, UEL*): in the absence of the rapporteur, postponed her statement on the fact-finding visit to Madrid and Melilla, Spain (12-13 February 2019) until the next meeting;
- **Parliamentary Campaign to End Immigration Detention of Children**: heard statements of Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC), General Rapporteur, on the visit to Budapest and to the Röszke transit zone, Hungary (12 November 2018) and on the conference “Towards alternatives to immigration detention of children in France” organised in partnership with the “Wednesdays at the Council of Europe” and the City of Strasbourg (Strasbourg, 23 January 2019);

– **Appointments of rapporteurs for reports:**

- **Role of parliaments in implementing the United Nations global compacts for migrants and refugees** (Doc. 14655): appointed Ms Stella Kyriakides (Cyprus, EPP/CD), subject to her declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
- **Rights and obligations of NGOs assisting refugees and migrants in Europe** (Doc. 14380): appointed Mr Domagoj Hajduković (Croatia, SOC) and heard from him a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;

– **Consideration of the replies by the Committee of Ministers:**

- **Recommendation 2126 (2018) on “Humanitarian needs and rights of internally displaced persons in Europe”** (Rapporteur: Mr Killion Munyama, Poland, EPP/CD): decided to hold an exchange of views with experts on this subject at a future meeting;
- postponed the consideration of the replies from the Committee of Ministers to Recommendation 2136 (2018) and Recommendation 2137 (2018) until the next meeting;

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

**Sub-Committee on Integration:**

- Mr Krzysztof Truskolaski (Poland, EPP/CD) to become a titular member;
- Mr Egidijus Vareikis (Lithuania, EPP/CD) to become a titular member;

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

- Mr Paul Gavan (Ireland, UEL) to become a titular member;
- Baroness Doreen Massey (United-Kingdom, SOC) to become a titular member and Ms Stella Creasy (United-Kingdom, SOC) to become her alternate member;
- Ms Biljana Pantić Pilja (Serbia, EPP/CD) to become a titular member;

**Sub-Committee on Diasporas:**

- Mr Alan Kelly (Ireland, SOC) to become a titular member;
- Mr Ionuț-Marian Stroe (Romania, EPP/CD) to become a titular member;
- Mr Egidijus Vareikis (Lithuania, EPP/CD) to become a titular member;

– **Other business:**

- **Missing refugees and migrant children** (Rapporteur: Ms Serap Yaşar, Turkey, EC): authorised the rapporteur to carry out a fact-finding visit to Brussels, subject to the availability of financial resources of the Assembly;

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

**Plenary committee:**

- **Strasbourg**, during the 2nd part-session 2019 (8-12 April)
- **Zurich**, 28-29 May 2019
- **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:**

- **Istanbul (Turkey)**, 10 June 2019 (date tbc).

**Sub-Committee on Diasporas:**

- **Istanbul (Turkey)**, 10 June 2019 (date tbc and subject to the authorisation of the Bureau and the availability of funds).

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