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

Revised synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg from 24 to 27 June 2019

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 Tuesday, 25 June 2019 at 8.30 a.m., as regards:
 - **A legal status for “climate refugees”** (*Rapporteur: Ms Marie-Christine Verdier-Jouclas, France, NR*): approved a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution;
 - **Labour migration from Eastern Europe and its impact on socio-demographic processes in these countries** (*Rapporteur: Mr Ionuț-Marian Stroe, Romania, EPP/CD*): approved a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution;
 - **The protection of victims of forced displacement under international law** (*Rapporteur: Mr Fabien Gouttefarde, France, NR*): held an exchange of views with the participation of Mr Pascal Brice, former Director General of the French Agency for the Protection of Refugees and Stateless Persons (OFPRA), judge at the *Cour des comptes* (Court of Auditors) of France and Mr Yves Pascouau, Schengen Chair at Nantes University and Executive Director of the NGO “European Migration Law”; decided to ask the Bureau for authorisation of a fact-finding visit of the rapporteur to Kenya, to be organised by the French Embassy in Kenya and at no cost to the Assembly;
 - **Humanitarian action for refugees and migrants in countries at the southern Mediterranean Sea** (*Rapporteur: Lord Alexander Dundee, United Kingdom, EC*): considered an introductory memorandum;
 - **Parliamentary Campaign to End Immigration Detention of Children**: heard a statement by Mr Domagoj Hajduković (Croatia, SOC) on the parliamentary visit to Cyprus and the private shelter for unaccompanied minors “Home for Hope”, on 14 June in Nicosia (Cyprus);
 - **Sub-Committee on Diasporas**: took note of the invitation by the Jordanian Delegation to hold a meeting of the Sub-Committee in Amman on 18 September 2019, and decided to ask the Bureau for authorisation;
- on Wednesday, 26 June 2019 at 1 p.m., as regards:
 - **Final conference of the Parliamentary Campaign to End Immigration Detention of Children**: heard statements by the following speakers:
 - Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC), General Rapporteur for the Campaign;
 - Ms Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe;
 - Ms Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, Member of the European Parliament and Coordinator on Children’s Rights;

- Ms Stella Kyriakides (Cyprus, EPP/CD), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Children of the Committee on Social Affairs;
 - Ms Doris Fiala (Switzerland, ALDE), Chairperson of the PACE Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons and former General Rapporteur for the Parliamentary Campaign to End Immigration Detention of Children;
 - Mr Christophe Poirel, Director of Human Rights of the Council of Europe;
 - Ms Regina Jensdottir, Head of the Children's Rights Division and Programme Coordinator, Council of Europe;
 - Ms Rósa Björk Brynjólfssdóttir (Iceland, UEL), Rapporteur on "Stop violence against, and exploitation of, migrant children";
 - Ms Livia Stoica Becht, Secretary to the Ad hoc Committee for the Rights of the Child (CAHENF), Council of Europe;
 - Mr Mikaël Poutiers, Secretary to the Committee of the Parties to the Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (Lanzarote Committee), Council of Europe;
 - Ms Gianna Alessandra Sanchez Moretti, Human Rights Officer, Regional Office for Europe, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights;
- **on Thursday, 27 June 2019 at 8.30 a.m.**, as regards:
 - ***Stop violence against, and exploitation of, migrant children*** (*Rapporteur: Ms Rósa Björk Brynjólfssdóttir, Iceland, UEL*): took position on the amendments tabled to the draft resolution and the draft recommendation;
 - ***Concerted action on human trafficking*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Vernon Coaker, United Kingdom, SOC; Rapporteur for opinion: Ms Isabelle Rauch, France, NR*): held a joint hearing with the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination with the participation of:
 - Mr Davor Derenčinović, Chairperson, Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA) of the Council of Europe, Zagreb,
 - Ms Annabel Canzian, Lawyer, Committee Against Modern Slavery (CCEM), Paris
 - Ms Odette Herijgers, medical doctor, Advocacy for Refugee Rights in Greece, Eindhoven, Netherlands;
 - **on Thursday, 27 June 2019 at 2 p.m.**, as regards:
 - ***Pushback policies and practice in Council of Europe member States*** (*Rapporteur: Ms Tineke Strik, Netherlands, SOC*): was informed that no amendments had been tabled to the draft resolution and the draft recommendation;
 - ***Role of parliaments in implementing the United Nations global compacts for migrants and refugees*** (*Rapporteur: Ms Stella Kyriakides, Cyprus, EPP/CD*): considered an introductory memorandum;
 - ***Parliamentary Network on Diaspora Policies, Sub-Committee on Diasporas and Sub-Committee on Integration***: heard a statement by Mr Domagoj Hajduković (Croatia, SOC), Vice-Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Integration, on the joint meeting of the Sub-Committee on Diasporas and the Sub-Committee on Integration, and the Annual forum of the Network held in Istanbul (Turkey) on 10 June 2019;
 - ***Consideration of the replies by the Committee of Ministers***: considered the replies from the Committee of Ministers to Recommendation 2136 (2018), Recommendation 2137 (2018) and Recommendation 2141 (2018);
 - ***Representation of the Committee at various events***:
 - ***OECD Global Parliamentary Network (Paris, 10 October 2019)***: noted the interest of Ms Tatev Hayrapetyan (Armenia, EPP/CD) and Ms Anne-Mari Virolainen (Finland, EPP/CD) to be appointed to the ad hoc Committee of the Bureau of the Assembly;
 - ***World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 6-8 November 2019)***: noted the interest of Ms Tatev Hayrapetyan (Armenia, EPP/CD) to be appointed to the ad hoc Committee of the Bureau of the Assembly;

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

Sub-Committee on Integration:

- Ms Mònica Bonell (Andorra, ALDE) to become a titular member;

Sub-Committee on Diasporas:

- Ms Sabrina De Carlo (Italy, NR) to become a titular member;

- **Other business:** took note of the call for nominations for the 2019 North-South Prize;

- **Next meetings:** took note of the forthcoming meetings as follows:

Plenary Committee:

- **Paris**, 6 September 2019
- **Strasbourg**, during the 4th part-session 2019 (30 September-4 October)
- **Paris**, 2 December 2019 (tbc).

The **Sub-Committee on Integration**, meeting in Strasbourg on 24 June 2019, with Ms Doris Fiala (Switzerland, ALDE) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Follow-up to the report and Resolution 2214 (2018) on “Humanitarian needs and rights of internally displaced persons in Europe”** (Rapporteur: Mr Killion Munyama, Poland, EPP/CD): held an exchange of views with the participation of:
 - Mr Fuad Huseynov, Deputy Minister and Deputy Chairperson, State Committee on Refugees and IDPs of the Republic of Azerbaijan;
 - Representatives of the Committee on Missing Persons in Cyprus: Ms Gülден Plümer Küçük, Turkish Cypriot Member, Mr Leonidas Pantelides, Greek Cypriot Member and Mr Paul-Henri Arni, United Nations Member (via video-conference);
 - Mr Vitaliy Nabukhotny, Lawyer, Regional Centre for Human Rights, Kyiv, Ukraine;
- **Next meetings:** left it to the Chairperson to convene the next meeting.

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