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

### Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg from 30 September to 3 October 2019

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

- on Monday, 30 September 2019 at 2.40 p.m., 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 “Saving persons in the Mediterranean Sea: the need for an urgent answer”, appointed Mr Domagoj Hajduković (Croatia, SOC) as rapporteur and heard from him a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
- on Tuesday, 1 October 2019 at 5.30 p.m., as regards:
  - **Saving persons in the Mediterranean Sea: the need for an urgent answer** (Rapporteur: Mr Domagoj Hajduković, Croatia, SOC): considered a draft report and adopted a draft resolution as amended; agreed to change the title of the report as follows: “Saving lives in the Mediterranean Sea: the need for an urgent response“;
- on Thursday, 3 October 2019 at 8.30 a.m., as regards:
  - **Saving lives in the Mediterranean Sea: the need for an urgent response** (Rapporteur: Mr Domagoj Hajduković, Croatia, SOC): took position on the amendments tabled to the draft resolution;
  - **The implications of Brexit for migration** (Rapporteur: Mr Killion Munyama, Poland, EPP/CD): decided to postpone the approval of a draft report and vote on a preliminary draft resolution to a future meeting;
  - **Missing refugee and migrant children in Europe** (Rapporteur: Ms Serap Yaşar, Turkey, NR): decided to ask the Bureau for an exceptional extension of the validity of the reference until 31 January 2020;
  - **Concerted action on human trafficking** (Rapporteur: Mr Vernon Coaker, United Kingdom, SOC): considered a preliminary draft report and held an exchange of views with Ambassador Corina Călugăru, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Moldova to the Council of Europe;
  - **For a European policy on diasporas** (Rapporteur: Mr Paulo Pisco, Portugal, SOC): considered an introductory memorandum and held an exchange of views with Mr Varlam Badzaghua, Deputy Director, Department of Diaspora Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia, and Mr Pierre-Yves le Borgn', President, Europeans Throughout The World, Brussels, Belgium;

- **on Thursday, 3 October 2019 at 2 p.m.**, as regards:
  - **A legal status for “climate refugees”** (*Rapporteur: Ms Marie-Christine Verdier-Jouclas, France, ALDE*): took position on the amendments tabled to the 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*): in the absence of the rapporteur, took position on the amendments tabled to the draft resolution;
  - **Violence and discrimination against religious minorities in refugee camps across Europe** (*Rapporteur: Mr Egidijus Vareikis, Lithuania, EPP/CD*): held an exchange of views with:
    - Mr Ado Greve, Open Doors Germany;
    - Ms Carla Barbarella, Director, Aliseicoop – social cooperative, Todi, Italy (via video-conference);
    - Mr Francis Messner and Ms Clémence Kelche, INTER-RELIGIO project, University of Strasbourg;
    - Mr Basil Ugorji, President and CEO, International Center for Ethno-Religious Mediation (ICERM), New York, USA (via video-conference);
  - **The protection of victims of forced displacement under international law** (*Rapporteur: Mr Fabien Gouttefarde, France, ALDE*): authorised a fact-finding visit of the rapporteur to the Reception and Identification Centre at Moria, Greece, subject to the availability of financial resources;
  - **Composition of the Sub-Committees**: approved the following changes:
    - Sub-Committee on Integration:**
      - Mr Fourat Ben Chikha (Belgium, SOC) to become a titular member and Ms Darya Safai (Belgium, NR) to become his alternate member;
    - Sub-Committee on Refugee and Migrant Children and Young People:**
      - Mr Tom Van Grieken (Belgium, NR) to become a titular member and Ms Marie-Christine Marghem (Belgium, ALDE) to become his alternate member;
    - Sub-Committee on Diasporas:**
      - Ms Darya Safai (Belgium, NR) to become a titular member and Mr Fourat Ben Chikha (Belgium, SOC) to become her alternate member;
  - **Next meetings**: took note of the forthcoming meeting as follows:
    - Plenary Committee:**
      - **Paris**, 2 December 2019.

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The **Sub-Committee on Refugee and Migrant Children and Young People**, jointly with the Sub-Committee on Children (of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development), meeting in Strasbourg on 1 October 2019, with Lord Alexander Dundee (United Kingdom, EC/DA) and Ms Irina Pruidze (Georgia, EC/DA) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Council of Europe action for the protection of migrant children’s rights**: held an exchange of views with Ms Snežana Samardžić-Marković, Director General of Democracy;
- **Co-operation with the Parliamentary Assembly on the protection of children (including migrant children)**: held an exchange of views with Ms Maria-Andriani Kostopoulou, Chair of the Ad hoc Committee on the Rights of the Child (CAHENF), Council of Europe and Mr Mikaël Poutiers, Administrator to the Lanzarote Committee, Council of Europe;
- **Protection of children against violence and the UN Sustainable Development Goals**: held an exchange of views with Baroness Doreen E. Massey (United Kingdom, SOC), Rapporteur on “Ending violence against children: a Council of Europe contribution to the UN Sustainable Development Goals”;

- **Future activities of the Parliamentary Assembly for the protection of the rights of migrant and left-behind children:** held an exchange of views with Ms Rósa Björk Brynjólfsson (Iceland, UEL), Rapporteur on “Stop violence against, and exploitation of, migrant children” and Mr Viorel Riceard Badea (Romania, EPP/CD), Rapporteur on the “Impact of labour migration on left-behind children”;
- **Next meetings:** left it to the Chairpersons to convene the next meetings.

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