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

Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris on 2 December 2019

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, meeting in Paris on 2 December 2019, with Mr Killion Munyama (Poland, EPP/CD) and Ms Serap Yaşar (Turkey, NR) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Exchange of views with the President of the Parliamentary Assembly, Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier:** held an exchange of views with the President of the Parliamentary Assembly;
- **International Migrants' Day (18 December):** considered and adopted a draft declaration;
- **The implications of Brexit for migration (Rapporteur: Mr Killion Munyama, Poland, EPP/CD):** approved a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution; agreed to ask the Bureau of the Assembly to submit this report for adoption by the Assembly at the 2020 January part-session;
- **Missing refugee and migrant children in Europe (Rapporteur: Ms Serap Yaşar, Turkey, NR):** approved a draft report and adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation;
- **Violence and discrimination against religious minorities in refugee camps across Europe (Rapporteur: Mr Egidijus Vareikis, Lithuania, EPP/CD):** approved a draft report and adopted a draft resolution; agreed to change the title of the report as follows: "Prevention of violence and discrimination against religious minorities amongst refugees in Europe";
- **Concerted action on human trafficking (Rapporteur: Mr Vernon Coaker, United Kingdom, SOC):** approved a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation; agreed to change the title of the report as follows: "Concerted action against human trafficking and the smuggling of migrants"; agreed to ask the Bureau to invite for the Assembly debate at the January 2020 part-session the Federal Minister for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth of Germany or the EU Anti-Trafficking Coordinator;
- **Investment migration: trends, advantages, standards (Rapporteur: Mr Aleksander Pocięj, Poland, EPP/CD):** held an exchange of views with Mr Bruno L'ecuyer, Chief Executive and member of the Governing Board, Investment Migration Council, Geneva;
- **Effective guardianship for unaccompanied and separated migrant children (Rapporteur: Ms Sahiba Gafarova, Azerbaijan, EC):** in the absence of the rapporteur, postponed this item to its next meeting;
- **Exchange of views with Ms Geneviève Wills, World Food Programme (WFP):** heard presentations by Ms Geneviève Wills, Director for France and Monaco, and Ms Tiphaine Walton, Advocacy and Communications officer, on the work of the WFP and the project "The incredible ordinary"; decided to sponsor the WFP's exhibition on this subject proposed to be shown during the January 2020 part-session;

- **Parliamentary Network on Diaspora Policies:** heard a statement on the preparation of the conference to be held in Tbilisi (Georgia) on 16 December 2019 and took note of the programme of the conference;
- **Work programme:** authorised a fact-finding visit to Turkey and Greece of Mr Fabien Gouttefarde (France, ALDE) for the preparation of his report on “The protection of victims of forced displacement under international law”, subject to the availability of financial resources;
- **Appointment of rapporteur for opinion:**
 - **Celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Geneva conventions: the contribution of the Council of Europe to the increasing synergy between International Humanitarian Law and International Human Rights Law** (*Rapporteur of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights: Lord Richard Balfe (United Kingdom, EC/DA)*): appointed Mr Fabien Gouttefarde (France, ALDE) and heard from him a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
- **Composition of the Sub-Committees:** approved the following changes:
 - Sub-Committee on Integration:**
 - Mr Sokratis Famellos (Greece, UEL) to become a titular member and Ms Liana Kanelli (Greece, UEL) to become his alternate member;
 - Sub-Committee on Refugee and Migrant Children and Young People:**
 - Mr Theodoros Rousopoulos (Greece, EPP/CD) to become a titular member Ms Liana Kanelli (Greece, UEL) to become his alternate member;
 - Sub-Committee on Diasporas:**
 - Mr Theodoros Rousopoulos (Greece, EPP/CD) to become a titular member Ms Foteini Bakadima (Greece, NR) to become his alternate member;
- **Next meetings:** took note of the forthcoming meetings as follows:
 - Plenary Committee:**
 - **Strasbourg**, during the 1st part-session 2020 (27-31 January);
 - **Paris**, 19 March 2020 (tbc);
 - **Strasbourg**, during the 2nd part-session 2020 (20-24 April);
 - **Paris**, 26 May 2020 (tbc);
 - **Strasbourg**, during the 3rd part-session 2020 (22-26 June);
 - **Paris**, 14 September 2020 (tbc);
 - **Strasbourg**, during the 4th part-session 2020 (12-16 October);
 - **Paris**, 2 December 2020 (tbc).

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