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

Synopsis of the meeting held by videoconference on Monday 7 September 2020

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, meeting by videoconference on 7 September 2020, with Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Rights and obligations of NGOs assisting refugees and migrants in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Mr Domagoj Hajduković, Croatia, SOC*): approved a draft report and adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation;
- **Humanitarian consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic for migrants and refugees** (*Rapporteur: Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez, Switzerland, SOC*): approved a draft report and adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation unanimously;
- **The protection of victims of forced displacement under international law** (*Rapporteur Mr Fabien Gouttefarde, France, ALDE*): considered a preliminary draft report;
- **For a European policy on diasporas** (*Rapporteur Mr Paulo Pisco, Portugal, SOL*): considered a preliminary draft report;
- **Appointment of rapporteurs for report:**
 - **Safe third countries for asylum seekers:** appointed by acclamation Ms Stephanie Krisper (Austria, ALDE) and heard from her a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
 - **Alternative care for unaccompanied and separated migrant children:** appointed by acclamation Ms Maria Menzentseva (Ukraine EPP/CD) and heard from her a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
 - **Climate and migration:** appointed by acclamation Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Suisse, SOC) and heard from him a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
- **Other business:**
 - took note that Mr Paulo Pisco (Portugal, SOL), Vice Chair of the Sub-Committee on Diasporas and Integration will hold a webinar on 5 October 2020 on the issue of remittances by diasporas, and that Lord Alexander Dundee (United Kingdom, EC/DA) will hold with the UK Parliament a follow-up video conference/webinar on humanitarian relocation of refugee children in the second half of October;

- decided to hold an exchange of views on the issue of “push backs” at sea and land, at the next meeting;

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

- **Strasbourg**, during the October session 2020 (12-16 October 2020);
- **Paris**, 2 December 2020 (*tbc*).

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