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

Synopsis of the meeting held by videoconference on Friday 16 October 2020

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, meeting by videoconference on 16 September 2020 from 9.30 am to 12.40 am, with Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Impact of labour migration on left-behind children** (*Rapporteur for opinion: Mr Olesksii Goncharenko, Ukraine, EC/DA*): postponed the approval of the draft opinion because of a lack of quorum;
- **Effective guardianship for unaccompanied and separated migrant children** (*Rapporteur: Ms Rósa Björk Brynjólfssdóttir, Iceland, UEL*): postponed the consideration of amendments to the draft resolution and the draft recommendation;
- **The protection of victims of forced displacement under international law** (*Rapporteur: Mr Fabien Gouttefarde, France, ALDE*): considered a preliminary draft report and held an exchange of views with the participation of Ms Cecilia Jimenez-Damary, UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons, Davao, Philippines;
- **Pushbacks on land and sea**: held an exchange of views with the participation of Mr Nils Muiznieks, Director, Europe Regional Office of Amnesty International, Brussels; postponed the approval of a motion for a resolution because of a lack of quorum;
- **European Commission proposals for a New Pact on Migration and Asylum**: held an exchange of views with the participation of Ms Joanna Darmanin, Deputy Head of Asylum Unit, DG Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission, Brussels;
- **Climate and migration** (*Rapporteur: Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez, Switzerland, SOC*): considered an introductory memorandum and held an exchange of views with the participation of Ms Dina Ionesco, Head of Migration, Environment and Climate Change Division, IOM, Geneva;
- **Voluntary relocation for migrants in need of humanitarian protection** (*Rapporteur: Lord Alexander Dundee, United Kingdom, EC/DA*): considered an introductory memorandum and agreed to change the report title to “Voluntary relocation of migrants, asylum seekers and refugees in need of humanitarian protection”;
- **Committee work programme:**
 - **Webinar on the issue of remittances by diasporas, 5 October 2020:**
heard a report back from Mr Killion Munyama (*Poland, EPP/CD*) on this webinar;

- **Videoconference/webinar on voluntary relocation of vulnerable refugees, United Kingdom Parliament:**
heard a statement by Lord Alexander Dundee (*United Kingdom, EC/DA*) and received an invitation to members to join the videoconference to be held on 20 November 2020;
- **Webinar on missing child refugee, Grand National Assembly of Turkey:**
heard a statement by Ms Serap Yaşar (*Turkey, NR*) and received an invitation to members to join the webinar to be held on 11 November 2020 in the morning;
- **Ad hoc Sub-Committee to carry out a fact-finding visit to Lesbos (Greece):** set up an ad hoc Sub-Committee to be composed of the Chair of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons and five other members, assuring a political, geographic and gender balance; and put out a call for candidate members to be notified to the Secretariat before 2 November 2020;
- **Next meetings:** took note of the forthcoming meetings as follows:
 - **Videoconference:** 6 November (14h-16h30)
 - **Paris or videoconference:** 2 December 2020 (*tbc*).

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