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

Synopsis of the meeting held by videoconference on Wednesday 2 December 2020

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, meeting by videoconference on 2 December 2020 from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm and from 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm, with Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC) in the Chair, as regards:

- **The protection of victims of forced displacement under international law:** (*Rapporteur Mr Fabien Gouttefarde, France, ALDE*): changed the title to “The protection of victims of arbitrary displacement”, approved the report and unanimously adopted the draft resolution and draft recommendation;
- **Role of parliaments in implementing the United Nations global compacts for migrants and refugees:** (*Rapporteur: Mr Nicos Tornaritis, Cyprus, EPP/CD*): considered the draft report and the preliminary draft resolution;
- **Investment migration:** (*Rapporteur: Mr Aleksander Pocij, Poland, EPP/CD*): took position on amendments to the draft resolution and draft recommendation;
- **Gender mainstreaming of migration policies:** (*Rapporteur: Ms Rósa Björk Brynjólfssdóttir, Iceland, UEL*): held an exchange of views with the participation of Mr Jean-Christophe Dumont, Head of the International Migration Division, OECD;
- **Safe third countries for asylum seekers:** (*Rapporteur: Ms Stephanie Krisper, Austria, ALDE*): held an exchange of views with the participation of Mr Adel-Naim Reyhani, Researcher, Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Fundamental and Human Rights, Vienna;
- **Alternative care for unaccompanied and separated migrant children:** (*Rapporteur: Ms Mariia Mezentseva, Ukraine, EPP/CD*): postponed the consideration of the draft outline;
- **Appointment of rapporteurs for report**
 - **Humanitarian consequences of the conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan:** following a vote appointed Mr Paul Gavan (Ireland, UEL), and heard from him a declaration of absence of conflict of interests;
 - **Pushbacks on land and sea: illegal measures of migration management:** appointed by acclamation Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC) and heard from him a declaration of absence of conflict of interests;

- **European Union Pact on Migration and Asylum: a human rights perspective:** appointed by acclamation Mr Killion Munyama (Poland, EPP/CD), and heard from him a declaration of absence of conflict of interests;
- **Videoconference on 24 November 2020 on missing child refugees, Grand National Assembly of Turkey:** heard the report of Ms Serap Yaşar (Turkey, NR);
- **Videoconference on 4 December 2020 on voluntary relocation of vulnerable refugees, United Kingdom Parliament:** heard information from Lord Alexander Dundee (United Kingdom, EC/DA);
- **Ad hoc Sub-Committee to carry out a fact-finding visit to Lesbos (Greece):** agreed to postpone the fact-finding mission until the amelioration of the sanitary situation in Greece and to come back to this item at the next meeting in January 2021;
- **Composition of the Sub-Committees:** approved the membership of Mr Gonzalo Robles (Spain, EPP/CD) as a full Member of the Sub-Committee on Refugees and Migrant Children and Young People, following the departure of Mr Jokin Bildarratz (Spain, ALDE);
- **Pushbacks on land and sea: illegal measures of migration management:** held an exchange of views with Ms Dunja Mijatović, Council of Europe Human Rights Commissioner and with Mr Andreas Wissner, Representative, UNHCR Representation to the European Institutions in Strasbourg;
- **Humanitarian consequences of the conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan:** held an exchange of views with Mr Andreas Wissner, Representative, UNHCR Representation to the European Institutions in Strasbourg and Mr Giorgi Gogia, Associate Director, Europe and Central Asia Division at Human Rights Watch;
- **Other business:**
 - Took note of the priorities of the German Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe (18 November 2020 – 21 May 2021);
 - Took note of the proposal of Lord Dundee (United Kingdom, EC/DA) to establish, next year, a new Sub-Committee to focus on migrants and refugees in the MENA region.
- **Next meetings:**
 - 21 January 2021 (time tbc) - videoconference
 - 1st part-session 2021 (Strasbourg, 25-29 January 2021) (mode to be confirmed)
 - 12 March 2021 (mode to be confirmed)

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