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

Synopsis of the meeting held by videoconference on Thursday 21 January 2021

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, meeting by videoconference on 21 January 2021 from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon and from 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm, with Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Role of parliaments in implementing the United Nations global compacts for migrants and refugees** (*Rapporteur: Mr Nicos Tornaritis, Cyprus, EPP/CD*): approved the report and adopted the draft resolution;
- **Alternative care for unaccompanied and separated migrant children** (*Rapporteur: Ms Mariia Mezentseva, Ukraine, EPP/CD*): considered a draft outline and held an exchange of views with the participation of Ms Lilja Grétarsdóttir, Head of Division a.i., Head of Unit on Migration and Displacement, Human Rights Directorate, Council of Europe;
- **Climate and migration** (*Rapporteur: Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez, Switzerland, SOC*): considered a preliminary draft report;
- **Humanitarian consequences of the conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan** (*Rapporteur: Mr Paul Gavan, Ireland, UEL*): considered a draft outline;
- **Voluntary relocation of migrants, asylum seekers and refugees in need of humanitarian protection** (*Rapporteur: Lord Alexander Dundee, United Kingdom, EC/DA*): held an exchange of views with the participation of Ms Eirini Agapidaki, Special Secretary for the Protection of Unaccompanied Minors, Ministry of Migration and Asylum of Greece;
- **Gender mainstreaming of migration policies** (*Rapporteur: Ms Rósa Björk Brynjólfssdóttir, Iceland, UEL*): held an exchange of views with the participation of Ms Vera Lomazzi and Ms Isabella Crespi, Researchers and authors of the book: “Gender Mainstreaming and Gender Equality in Europe: Policies, Culture and Public Opinion” 2019 ;
- **Safe third countries for asylum seekers** (*Rapporteur: Ms Stephanie Krisper, Austria, ALDE*) and **Pushbacks on land and sea: illegal measures of migration management** (*Rapporteur: Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez, Switzerland, SOC*): held an exchange of views with the participation of Ms Tineke Strik, Member of the EU Parliament and Vice-Chair, Delegation to the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly and Ms Sophie Weidenhiller, Spokesperson, Sea-Eye e.V., Regensburg, Germany;

- **Work programme and Sub-Committees for 2021:** discussed the 2021 work programme of the Committee and decided to return to the issue of creating a sub-committee on humanitarian needs, human trafficking and smuggling of migrants, and a post of General Rapporteur on missing refugee and migrant children in Europe, at the next meeting of the Committee;
- **Videoconference on 4 December 2020 on voluntary relocation of vulnerable refugees, United Kingdom Parliament:** heard a report by Lord Alexander Dundee, United Kingdom, EC/DA and took note that a new videoconference would be held by the UK Parliament on 5 March 2021;
- **Ad hoc Sub-Committee to carry out a fact-finding visit to Lesbos (Greece):** decided to wait until sanitary conditions permit before fixing new date for the visit;
- **Other business:**
- **Next meetings:**
 - 1st part-session 2021 (Strasbourg, 26 January 2021 from 2:00pm to 3.30pm) (hybrid mode)
 - 12 March 2021 (mode to be confirmed)

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