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

Synopsis

of the Committee meeting held by videoconference on Friday 12 March 2021 from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm and from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm and of the meeting of the three Sub-Committees held the same day

[From 3.00 pm to 3.30 pm, meeting of the Sub-Committee on Diasporas and Integration

From 3.30 pm to 4.00 pm, meeting of the Sub-Committee on Refugee and Migrant Children and Young People

From 4.00 pm to 4.30 pm, meeting of the Sub-Committee on Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Human Beings]

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, meeting by videoconference on 12 March 2021 from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm and from 2:00 to 3:00 pm, with Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC) in the Chair, as regards:

- **For a European policy on diasporas** (*Rapporteur: Mr Paulo Pisco, Portugal, SOC*): considered a draft report and adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation;
- **Humanitarian action for refugees and migrants in countries in North Africa and Middle East** (*Rapporteur: Lord Alexander Dundee, United Kingdom, EC/DA*): considered a draft report and adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation;
- **Climate and migration** (*Rapporteur: Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez, Switzerland, SOC*): considered a draft report and a preliminary draft resolution and held an exchange of views with the participation of Dr Elena Zubcov, Member of the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Moldova, Dr Lucia Biletski, and Ms Monica Scatasta, CEB Director of Technical Assistance and Monitoring;
- **European Union Pact on migration and asylum: a human rights perspective** (*Rapporteur: Mr Killion Munyama, Poland, EPP/CD*): postponed this item to the next meeting of the Committee;
- **Humanitarian consequences of the conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan** (*Rapporteur: Mr Paul Gavan, Ireland, UEL*): heard a report from the rapporteur and held an exchange of views;
- **Appointment of rapporteurs for report.**
 - ✓ **Gender mainstreaming of migration policies** (*Former rapporteur: Ms Rósa Björk Brynjólfssdóttir, Iceland, UEL*): appointed by acclamation, a quorum of members present, Ms Petra Stienen (Netherlands, ALDE) and heard from her a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;

- **Consideration of a draft motion:**
 - ✓ **Forced migration due to political repression** proposed by Mr Oleksii Goncharenko, Ukraine, EC/DA: approved, following a vote, the motion to be submitted to the Bureau of the Assembly;
- **Consideration of replies from the Committee of Ministers to recommendations emanating from the Assembly**
 - ✓ **Missing refugee and migrant children in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Ms Serap Yaşar, Turquie, NR*): took note of the comments of the rapporteur;
- **Terms of references for a General Rapporteur on missing refugee and migrant children in Europe:** approved by acclamation, a quorum of members present, the terms of reference to be submitted to the Bureau of the Assembly;
- **Parliamentary campaign to prevent migrant children going missing:** postponed the discussion on this point;
- **References and transmissions to committees 2021:** took note of the motion, referred to the Committee for information:
 - ✓ **Polarisation of the political environment as a hidden danger of the displacement of the population;**
- **Ad hoc Sub-Committee to carry out a fact-finding visit to Lesbos (Greece):** approved the dates of 10 to 12 May 2021 for the visit, and requested the Chairpersons of the political groups to confirm, before the next meeting of the Committee, their representative, based on the list agreed in the Committee;
- **Composition of the Sub-Committee:** approved the change in the Sub-Committee on Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Human Beings;
- **Web Conference on 5th March 2021 on Refugees and migrants: Humanitarian emergencies, voluntary resettlement and assisted voluntary returns, United Kingdom Parliament:** heard a report by Lord Alexander Dundee, United Kingdom, EC/DA;
- **Nominations for the Václav Havel Human Rights Prize:** took note of the call for nominations and the deadline to submit nominations by 30 April 2021;
- **Commissioner's follow-up report to the 2019 recommendation on rescuing migrants at sea: A distress call for human rights:** took note of the report of Ms Dunja Mijatović, Commissioner for Human Rights;
- **Other business: none.**
- **Next meetings:**
 - **Strasbourg**, 12 April 2021 from 2.00pm to 5:30pm by videoconference
 - **Strasbourg**, during the 2nd part-session 2021 (19-23 April 2021) (mode tbc)
 - **Strasbourg**, 25 May 2021 (mode tbc)
 - **Strasbourg**, during the 3rd part-session 2021 (21-25 June 2021) (mode tbc)
 - **Strasbourg**, 7 September 2021 (mode tbc)
 - **Strasbourg**, during the 4th part-session 2021 (27 September - 1 October 2021) (mode tbc)
 - **Paris**, 24 November 2021 (mode tbc)

The Sub-Committee on Diasporas and Integration, meeting by videoconference on 12 March 2021 from 3:00 to 3.30 pm, with Mr Killion Munyama (Poland, EPP/CD) in the Chair:

as regards:

- **Exchange of views:** held an exchange of views with the Special Representative of the Secretary General on Migration and Refugees, Ambassador Drahoslav Štefánek;
- **Next meeting:** in June, during the part-session.

The Sub-Committee on Refugee and Migrant Children and Young People, meeting by videoconference on 12 March 2021 from 3.30 to 4.00 pm, with Ms Tatevik Hayrapetyan (Armenia, EPP/CD) in the Chair,

as regards:

- **Election of the Bureau of the Sub-Committee:** elected by acclamation, a quorum of members present, Mr Damien Cottier (Switzerland, ALDE) Vice-Chairperson;
- **Exchange of views:** held an exchange of views with the representatives of the Advisory Council on Youth of the Council of Europe: Ms Zuzana Pavelkova of the Federation of Young European Greens (FYEG) and Ms Lydia Siapardani of the Youth Social Rights Network (YSRN);
- **Next meeting:** in June, during the part-session.

The Sub-Committee on Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Human Beings, meeting by videoconference on 12 March 2021 from 4.00 to 4.30 pm, with Ms Stephanie Krisper (Austria, ALDE) in the Chair,

as regards:

- **Exchange of views:** held an exchange of views with Mr Jesper Hjortenberg, Chairperson of the European Committee for Criminal Problems (CDPC) and Ms Helga Gayer, President *ad interim* of the Expert Group on Combating Human Trafficking (GRETA);
- **Next meeting:** left it to its Chairperson to convene the next meeting.

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