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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 12 April 2021 from 2:00 pm to 5:30 pm

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, meeting by videoconference on Monday 12 April 2021 from 2:00 to 5:30 pm, with Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Climate and migration** (*Rapporteur: Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez, Switzerland, SOC*): held an exchange of views with the participation of Ms Seblewongel Negussie, Gender and Social Specialist, Green Climate Fund (GCF);
- **Gender mainstreaming of migration policies** (*Rapporteur: Ms Petra Stienen, Netherlands, ALDE*): considered a preliminary draft report and held an exchange of views with the participation of Ms Alyssa Ahrabare, International women's rights consultant, Project Officer of the European Network of Migrant Women;
- **Safe third countries for asylum seekers** (*Rapporteur: Ms Stephanie Krisper, Austria, ALDE*): held an exchange of views with the participation of Mr Henrik Nielsen, Head of Asylum Unit, Directorate-General Migration and Home Affairs, EU Commission, Brussels and Mr Christophe Hessels, Head of the Third Countries Research Unit, European Asylum Support Office, Valetta, Malta;
- **Humanitarian consequences of the conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan** (*Rapporteur: Mr Paul Gavan, Ireland, UEL*): held an exchange of views on a draft Committee statement on the fate of alleged captives and missing persons following the conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan, and took note of the intention of the Chair to make a statement issued under the responsibility of the Chair;
- **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 Nacira Boulehouat, Head of Migration Management Support Unit, Directorate-General Migration and Home Affairs, EU Commission, Brussels;
- **Pushbacks on land and sea: illegal measures of migration management** (*Rapporteur: Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez, Switzerland, SOC*): considered a draft outline;
- **Work programme and priorities**: took note of the work programme and priorities;
- **Ad hoc Sub-Committee to carry out a fact-finding visit to Lesbos (Greece)** from 10 to 12 May 2021: approved the final list of representatives as follows:

Members

Mr Pierre- Alain FRIDEZ (Chair), Switzerland, SOC
Ms Luise AMTSBERG, Germany, SOC
Mr Eduard KÖCK, Austria, EPP/CD
Mr Fabien GOUTTEFARDE, France, ALDE
Mr Oleksii GONCHARENKO, Ukraine, EC/DA
Mr Ólafur Þór GUNNARSSON, Iceland, UEL

Accompanied from host country by: Mr Sokratis FAMELLOS, Greece, UEL

Alternates:

Mr Fourat BEN CHIKHA, Belgium, SOC
Mr Nicos TORNARITIS, Cyprus, EPP/CD
Mr Damien COTTIER, Switzerland, ALDE
Mr Antón GÓMES-REINO, Spain, UEL

- **Composition of the Sub-Committee:** approved the following changes in the composition of the Sub-Committees: Ms Diana Stoica (Roumania, NR) and Mr Ioan Mang (Roumania, SOC) (alternate) to the Sub-Committee on Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Human Beings; Mr Gabriel-Valer Zetea (Roumania, SOC) and Ms Diana Stoica (Roumania, NR) (alternate) as well as Ms Petra Stienen (Netherlands, ALDE) to the Sub-Committee on Diasporas and Integration; Mr Ionuț-Marian Stroe (Roumania, NR) and Ms Christine Thellmann (Roumania, NR) to the Sub-Committee on Refugee and Migrant Children and Young People;
- **Other business:**
 - ✓ **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 and took note that the Ceremony of award for the 2020 *Václav Havel Human Rights Prize* will take place at the Council of Europe on 19 April 2021;
 - ✓ **Nominations for the North-South Prize:** took note of the call for nominations and the deadline to submit nominations by 15 September 2021;
 - ✓ **International Conference on Global challenges and threats in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic: Terrorism and Violent Extremism; Working Session on Democracies facing the Covid-19 pandemic (15 April 2021, 13.00-15.00 CEST):** took note that the Working Session would be organised and moderated by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and would be open to all members of the Assembly;
 - ✓ **Walk with Amal:** was informed by Lord Simon Russell (UK, EC/DA) about the initiative “walkwithamal.org”, raising awareness of young refugees’ journeys across Europe;
 - ✓ **Web-conference by the UK Parliament on relocation of vulnerable refugees:** was informed by Lord Alexander Dundee (United Kingdom, EC/DA) about the next web-conference planned for 18 June 2021.

– **Next meetings:**

- **Strasbourg**, during the 2nd part-session 2021 (19-23 April 2021) on Tuesday 20 April 2021 from 6:00 pm to 7:30pm (hybrid mode)
- **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)

Mark Neville, Rüdiger Dossow, Olga Kostenko, Angela Garabagiu

cc: *Secretary General of the Assembly*
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Secretaries of observer and partner for democracy delegations
Secretary General of the Congress
Secretary to the Committee of Ministers
Directors General
Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe
Director of the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights
Director of Communication
Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe