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

### Synopsis

of the meeting held by hybrid mode  
on Tuesday 20 April 2021 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, meeting by hybrid mode on Tuesday 20 April 2021 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm, with Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Climate and migration** (*Rapporteur: Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez, Switzerland, SOC*): considered a draft report and adopted a preliminary draft resolution;
- **For a European policy on diasporas** (*Rapporteur: Mr Paulo Pisco, Portugal, SOC*): took note of the decision of the Bureau to postpone the Assembly debate; postponed the consideration of amendments; decided to propose to the Bureau to invite Mr António Vitorino, IOM Director General, to address the Assembly in the context of the plenary debate;
- **Humanitarian consequences of the conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan** (*Rapporteur: Mr Paul Gavan, Ireland, UEL*): authorised the Rapporteur to conduct a fact-finding visit to Armenia and Azerbaijan;
- **European Union Pact on migration and asylum: a human rights perspective** (*Rapporteur: Mr Killion Munyama, Poland, EPP/CD*): considered an introductory memorandum and held an exchange of views with the participation of Ms Elspeth Guild, Professor ad Personam, Queen Mary University of London and with Ms Nicolette Busuttill, Doctoral Researcher (School of Law, Queen Mary University of London);
- **Work programme and priorities:**
  - ✓ **Social inclusion of migrants, refugees, and internally displaced persons through sport:** approved, following a vote, a draft motion for a resolution to be sent to the Bureau;
  - ✓ **70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1951 Refugee Convention: what would Europe be like without the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees?:** appointed by acclamation Lord Leslie Griffiths (United Kingdom, SOC), Rapporteur for the report and heard from him his declaration of absence of conflict of interests;
  - ✓ **Ad hoc Sub-Committee to carry out a fact-finding visit to Lesbos (Greece):** considered a preliminary draft programme;
- **General Rapporteur on missing refugees and migrant children in Europe, subject to the decision of the Bureau:** given the absence of a decision by the Bureau, postponed this item to a future meeting;
- **Composition of the Sub-Committee:** took note that there were no changes in the composition of the Sub-Committees;

– **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;

– **Next meetings:**

- **Strasbourg**, 25 May 2021 (mode tbc)
- **Strasbourg**, during the 3<sup>rd</sup> part-session 2021 (21-25 June 2021) (mode tbc)
- **Strasbourg**, 7 September 2021 (mode tbc)
- **Strasbourg**, during the 4<sup>th</sup> part-session 2021 (27 September - 1 October 2021) (mode tbc)
- **Paris**, 24 November 2021 (mode tbc)

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cc: *Secretary General of the Assembly*  
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