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

Synopsis

of the meeting held

by hybrid manner in Strasbourg on Tuesday, 22 June 2021 from 8:00 to 9:00 am and on Wednesday, 23 June 2021 from 2:00 to 3:30 pm

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, meeting in hybrid manner with Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC) in the Chair:

- on Tuesday, 22 June 2021 from 8:00am to 9:00am (CEST), as regards:
 - **Safe third countries for asylum seekers** (*Rapporteur: Ms Stephanie Krisper, Austria, ALDE*): heard a statement by the Rapporteur and held an exchange of views;
 - **Humanitarian consequences of the conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan** (*Rapporteur: Mr Paul Gavan, Ireland, UEL*): heard a statement by the Rapporteur and held an exchange of views;
 - **Representation of the Committee:**
 - ✓ **World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 8-10 November 2021)**: noted the interest of Ms Kate Osamor (United Kingdom, SOC), Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC), Mr Sokratis Famellos (Greece, UEL), Mr Theodoros Rousopoulos (Greece, EPP/CD), Ms Diana Stoica (Romania, ALDE), Ms Mariia Mezentseva (Ukraine, EPP/CD) and Mr Paul Gavan (Ireland, UEL) to attend the World Forum for Democracy and agreed to put their names forward to be included in the ad hoc Committee of the Bureau of the Assembly;
- on Wednesday, 23 June 2021 from 2:00pm. to 3:30pm (CEST), as regards:
 - **For a European policy on diasporas** (*Rapporteur: Mr Paulo Pisco, Portugal, SOC*): took position on the eight amendments and proposed one sub-amendment;
 - **Voluntary relocation of migrants, asylum seekers and refugees in need of humanitarian protection** (*Rapporteur: Lord Alexander Dundee, United Kingdom, EC/DA*): considered a draft report and a preliminary draft resolution;
 - **70th anniversary of the 1951 Refugee Convention: the Council of Europe and the international protection of refugees** (*Rapporteur: Lord Leslie Griffiths, United Kingdom, SOC*): considered an introductory memorandum; authorized a fact-finding visit of the Rapporteur to Geneva, and held an exchange of views with the participation of Mr Drahoslav Štefánek, Special Representative of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe on Migration and Refugees ;

- **Council of Europe Action Plan on Protecting Vulnerable Persons in the Context of Migration and Asylum in Europe (2021-2025):** held an exchange of views with Mr Drahoslav Štefánek, Special Representative of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe on Migration and Refugees;
- **Appointment of rapporteurs for report:**
 - ✓ **Precarious status of cross-border and seasonal workers in Europe:** noted the interest of Ms Yolaine de Courson (France, ALDE) and Ms Diana Stoica (Roumania, ALDE) and decided to revert to this issue at its next meeting;
 - ✓ **European Union Pact on Migration and Asylum: a human rights perspective;** noted the departure of Mr Killion Munyama (Poland, EPP/CD), appointed by acclamation, a quorum of members present, Mr Oleksii Goncharenko (Ukraine, EC/DA) and heard his declaration of absence of conflict of interests;
- **Composition of the Sub-Committees:** approved the following change in the composition of the Sub-Committee on Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Human Beings: Mr Ruben Brekelmans (Netherlands, ALDE) to become a full member;
- **Other business**
 - ✓ **The “Walk with Amal” initiative:** heard an update and invited members to save the date of the event on Thursday 30 September 2021;
 - ✓ **World Refugee Day:** took note of the declaration made by the Chairperson of the Committee on 20 June 2021;
 - ✓ **Priorities of the Hungarian Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe:** took note of the priorities of the Hungarian Presidency;
 - ✓ **Alternative care for unaccompanied and separated migrant children** (*Rapporteur: Ms Mariia Mezentseva, Ukraine, EPP/CD*): authorized a fact-finding visit of the Rapporteur to Greece;
 - ✓ **Invitation to hold a future Committee meeting in Odessa, Ukraine;** took note of an oral invitation of Mr Oleksii Goncharenko (Ukraine, EC/DA) on behalf of the Ukrainian Delegation to hold a future meeting of the Committee in Odessa this year.
- **Next meetings**
 - **Strasbourg**, 7 September 2021 (hybrid)
 - **Strasbourg**, during the 4th part-session 2021 (27 September - 1 October 2021) (hybrid, tbc)
 - **Strasbourg**, 24 November 2021 (hybrid)

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