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

Synopsis of the meetings held in hybrid manner from 27 to 30 September 2021

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, meeting in hybrid manner from 27 to 30 September 2021, with Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC) in the Chair:

- **On Monday 27 September 2021 at 2pm, as regards:**
 - **Increased migration pressure on the borders of Latvia, Lithuania and Poland with Belarus:** appointed Ms Anne-Mari Virolainen (Finland, EPP/CD) rapporteur and heard her declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
 - **Humanitarian consequences of the conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan** (Rapporteur: Mr Paul Gavan, Ireland, UEL): took position on amendments to the draft resolution and draft recommendation;
- **On Tuesday 28 September 2021, at 2pm, as regards:**
 - **Climate and migration** (Rapporteur: Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez, Switzerland, SOC): took position on oral amendments to the draft resolution;
 - **Increased migration pressure on the borders of Latvia, Lithuania and Poland with Belarus** (Rapporteur: Ms Anne-Mari Virolainen, Finland, EPP/CD): considered a draft report and adopted a 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 a draft report and adopted a draft resolution;
 - **The Walk with Little Amal:** took note of the event to take place on Thursday 30 September 2021 at the Council of Europe;
- **Thursday 30 September 2021 at 8am, as regards:**
 - **Increased migration pressure on the borders of Latvia, Lithuania and Poland with Belarus** (Rapporteur: Ms Anne-Mari Virolainen, Finland, EPP/CD): took position on amendments to the draft resolution;
 - **The humanitarian crisis emerging for Afghanistan and Afghan refugees:** adopted a motion for resolution;

- **Social inclusion of migrants, refugees and internally displaced persons through sport:** appointed Ms Nigar Arpadarai (Azerbaijan, EC/DA) rapporteur and heard her declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
- **General Rapporteur on Missing refugees and migrant children in Europe:** took note that the Bureau of the Assembly “had considered the draft terms of reference of a General Rapporteur on “Missing refugee and migrant children in Europe” and agreed that it did not meet the criteria defined in the memorandum on the Assembly General Rapporteurs approved by the Bureau”;
- **Composition of the Sub-Committees:** agreed for Mr Krzysztof Truskolaski (Poland, EPP/CD) to become a full member of the Sub-Committee on Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Human Beings and a full member of the Sub-Committee on Diasporas and Integration; took note that Mr Damien Cottier (Switzerland, ALDE) resigned as Vice-Chair of the Sub-Committee on Refugee and Migrant Children and Young People;
- **Pushbacks on land and sea: illegal measures of migration management** (*Rapporteur: Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez, Switzerland, SOC*): authorised the rapporteur to carry out a fact-finding visit to Turkey or Croatia;
- **Regions and diasporas: policies for the integration of the migrant community:** appointed Mr Paulo Pisco (Portugal, SOC) to represent the Committee at a meeting during the session of The Congress of Local and Regional Authorities on 27 October 2021;
- **Next meeting**
- **Strasbourg**, 24 November 2021 (mode tbc)

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