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

Synopsis of the meeting held in hybrid manner on 24 November 2021

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, meeting in hybrid manner on 24 November 2021 from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm and from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm (CET), with Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC) and then Ms Mònica Bonell (Andorra, ALDE) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Voluntary relocation of migrants in need of humanitarian protection and voluntary resettlement of refugees** (*Rapporteur: Lord Alexander Dundee, United Kingdom, EC/DA*): took position on two amendments to the 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*): took note that no amendments had been tabled to the draft resolution;
- **Gender mainstreaming of migration policies** (*Rapporteur: Ms Petra Stienen, Netherlands, ALDE*): considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution;
- **European Union Pact on Migration and Asylum: a human rights perspective** (*Rapporteur: Mr Oleksii Goncharenko, Ukraine, EC/DA*): considered a draft report and adopted a draft resolution; decided to propose to the Bureau to invite Ms Ylva Johansson, European Commissioner for Home Affairs, to address the Assembly during the debate of this report;
- **Joint webinar with the Committee on Equality and Non-Discriminations on Gender and Migration on 3 June 2021**: heard a report by Ms Petra Stienen (Netherlands, ALDE);
- **Safe third countries for asylum seekers** (*Rapporteur: Ms Stephanie Krisper, Austria, ALDE*): considered a preliminary draft report and authorised the rapporteur to carry out a fact-finding visit to Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina;
- **Celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Geneva conventions: the contribution of the Council of Europe to the increasing synergy between International Humanitarian Law and International Human Rights Law** (*Rapporteur for the opinion: Mr Fabien Gouttefarde, France, ALDE*): took note that Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC) would present, on behalf of the Committee, an oral opinion at the forthcoming Standing Committee meeting in Rome on 25-26 November 2021, and endorsed the opinion;
- **The situation of migrants on the border with Belarus**: heard a report by Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC) on his visit to Poland on 18/19 November 2021;

- **Word Forum for Democracy 2021:** heard a report by Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC) and Ms Mariia Mezentseva (Ukraine, EPP/CD);
- **Pushbacks on land and sea: illegal measures of migration management** (*Rapporteur: Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez, Switzerland, SOC*): considered an introductory memorandum and held an exchange of views with the participation of Mr Felipe González Morales, the UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Migrants; authorised the rapporteur to carry out a fact-finding visit to Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina;
- **UK Parliament web-conference of 18 June 2021 on relocations and sea rescue of migrants, celebrating World Refugee Day at the 70th anniversary of the 1951 Geneva Convention:** heard a report by Lord Alexander Dundee (United Kingdom, EC/DA);
- **Appointment of rapporteurs:**
 - appointed Mr Domagoj Hajduković (Croatia, SOC) as rapporteur for the report on *Integration of migrants and refugees benefits for all parties involved* and heard his declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
 - appointment of a rapporteur for report on *European solidarity in the migration and asylum context*: took note of the candidatures of Mr Damien Cottier (Switzerland, ALDE) and Lord Alexander Dundee (United Kingdom, EC/DA) and decided to postpone the appointment to the next meeting;
- **Composition of the Sub-Committees:** agreed to the following change in the Sub-Committee on Diasporas and Integration:

Mr Paul Galles (Luxembourg, EPP/CD) becomes a full member;
- **Other business**
- took note of the invitation sent by the Speaker of the Ukrainian Parliament to the President of the Assembly inviting the Committee to meet in Odesa in Ukraine in May 2022;
- Sub-Committee on Refugee and Migrant Children and Young People meeting on 24 November 2021: took note of the decision to postpone the meeting until the January 2022 part-session;
- **Next meetings**
 - **Strasbourg**, during 1st part session 24 to 28 January 2022 (hybrid mode tbc)
 - **Paris**, Thursday 24 and Friday 25 March 2022 (mode tbc)
 - **Strasbourg**, during 2nd part session 25 to 29 April 2022 (mode tbc)
 - **Odesa**, Friday 13 May 2022 (mode tbc)
 - **Strasbourg**, during 3rd part session 20 to 24 June 2022 (mode tbc)
 - **Paris**, Monday 19 September 2022 (mode tbc)
 - **Strasbourg**, during 4th part session 10 to 14 October 2022 (mode tbc)
 - **Paris**, Wednesday 7 December 2022 (mode tbc)

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