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

### Synopsis

of the meeting held in a hybrid manner in Paris on 21 March 2022

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, meeting in a hybrid manner on 21 March 2022, from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm and from 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm (CET) in Paris, with Mr Theodoros Rousopoulos (Greece, EPP/CD) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Humanitarian consequences and internal and external migration in connection with the aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine:** held an exchange of views with Mr Ioannis Dimitrakopoulos, Advisor to the Director, EU Agency for Fundamental Rights (online); appointed Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC) rapporteur for the respective report and heard his declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
- **Alternative care for unaccompanied and separated migrant children** (*Rapporteur: Ms Mariia Mezentseva, Ukraine, EPP/CD*): considered a preliminary draft report;
- **Pushbacks on land and sea: illegal measures of migration management** (*Rapporteur Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez, Switzerland, SOC*): heard a statement by the rapporteur on his visit to Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina on 20-23 February 2022; approved his request for a fact-finding visit to FRONTEX, Warsaw, without costs for the Assembly;
- **Safe third countries for asylum seekers** (*Rapporteur: Ms Stephanie Krisper, Austria, ALDE*): heard a statement by the rapporteur on her visit to Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina on 20-23 February 2022;
- **Missing migrants, refugees and asylum seekers – a call to clarify their fate:** considered and adopted a motion for a resolution on the topic, to be tabled on behalf of the Committee;
- **Urgent need for evacuation of persons fleeing the Russian aggression against Ukraine from neighbouring countries by resettlement and relocation:** considered and approved a declaration on behalf of the Committee;
- **The humanitarian crisis emerging for Afghanistan and Afghan refugees:** appointed Mr Birgir Thórarinnsson (Iceland, EPP/CD) rapporteur for report and heard his declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
- **The theme of migration and asylum in the election campaign and the consequences on the welcoming and rights of migrants** (*Rapporteur: Ms Yolaine de Courson, France, ALDE*): held a hearing with Ms Fabienne Keller, Member of the European Parliament, and Mr Giuseppe Milazzo, Senior Media Analyst, Osservatorio di Pavia, Italy (online);
- **Social inclusion of migrants, refugees and internally displaced persons through sport** (*Rapporteur: Ms Nigar Arpadarai, Azerbaijan, EC/DA*) considered a draft outline;

- **Integration of migrants and refugees benefits for all parties involved** (*Rapporteur: Mr Domagoj Hajduković, Croatia, SOC*) considered a draft outline;
- **Consideration of the replies by the Committee of Ministers:**
  - **Recommendation 2207 (2021) For a European policy on diasporas** (*Rapporteur: Mr Paulo Pisco, Portugal, SOC*): in the absence of the rapporteur, the Committee decided to revert to this issue at a forthcoming meeting;
  - **Recommendation 2192 (2020) Rights and obligations of NGOs assisting refugees and migrants in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Mr Domagoj Hajduković, Croatia, SOC*): heard a statement by the rapporteur on the reply including suggestions for further action to be taken;
- **Composition of the Sub-Committees:** approved the following changes:
  - Sub-Committee on Refugee and Migrant Children and Young People:**
    - Ms Garyfallia (Liana) Kanelli (Greece, UEL) (in replacement of Mr Theodoros Rousopoulos, ex officio member of the Sub-Committee) to become a full member and Ms Foteini Bakadima (Greece, UEL) to become her alternate member;
    - Baroness Doreen E. Massey (United Kingdom, SOC) to become a full member and Lord Leslie Griffiths (United Kingdom, SOC) to become her alternate member;
  - Sub-Committee on Diasporas and Integration:**
    - Mr Sokratis Famellos (Greece, UEL) (in replacement of Mr Theodoros Rousopoulos, ex officio member of the Sub-Committee) to become a full member;
    - Lord Leslie Griffiths (United Kingdom, SOC) to become a full member and Ms Kate Osamor (United Kingdom, SOC) to become his alternate member;
  - Sub-Committee on Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Human Beings:**
    - Mr Jeremy Corbyn (United Kingdom, SOC) to become a full member and Ms Kate Osamor (United Kingdom, SOC) to become his alternate member;
    - Lord Simon Russell (United Kingdom, EC/DA) to become a full member;
- **Next meetings:** The Committee considered invitations it has received to hold meetings outside Paris and Strasbourg and agreed to accept the invitation to meet in Athens on 19 September 2022;
  - **Strasbourg**, During 2<sup>nd</sup> part session, from 25 to 28 April 2022 (mode tbc)
  - **Paris**, 13 May (mode tbc)
  - **Strasbourg**, During 3<sup>rd</sup> part session, from 20 to 24 June 2022 (mode tbc)
  - **Athens**, Monday 19 September 2022
  - **Strasbourg**, During 4<sup>th</sup> part session, from 10 to 14 October 2022 (mode tbc)
  - **Paris**, Wednesday 7 December 2022 (mode tbc).

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