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

### Synopsis

of the meeting held in Athens, Greece on 18 and 19 September 2022

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, meeting in Athens on 18-19 September 2022, with first Mr Theodoros Rousopoulos (Greece, EPP/CD), Chairperson, then Mr Paul Gavan (Ireland, UEL), 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chairperson, in the Chair:

- on Sunday 18 September 2022 from 10:00 to 11:00, as regards:
  - **Keynote address:** heard a keynote address on “The Council of Europe as a Change Factor for the Global Refugee Regime: From Human Rights Theory to Refugee Protection” by Dr Christos Tsevas, Adjunct Lecturer in Human Rights and Refugee Law, Democritus University of Thrace, Faculty of Law;
- on Monday 19 September 2022 from 09:30 to 13:00 and from 14:30 to 17:00, as regards:
  - **Opening addresses:** heard an opening address by Mr Constantine An. Tassoulas, President of the Hellenic Parliament; and a welcome address by Ms Theodora Bakoyannis, Chairperson of the Greek Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe;
  - **Exchange of views on current political issues in the field of migration:** held an exchange of views following a keynote address by Mr Notis Mitarachi, Minister of Migration and Asylum of Greece;
  - **European solidarity in the migration and asylum context** (*Rapporteur: Lord Alexander Dundee, United Kingdom, EC/DA*): took note of the draft outline and agreed to change the title as follows: “European solidarity in the context of asylum and international protection”; held an exchange of views with the participation of Mr Manos Logothetis, General Secretary of Reception of Asylum Seekers, Ministry of Migration and Asylum of Greece; Mr Gianluca Rocco, Chief of Mission and Regional Response Coordinator, IOM Greece; Ms Maria Clara Martin, UNHCR Representative in Greece and Ms Jette Christiansen, Coordinating Officer, EU Asylum Agency, Greece;
  - **Integration of migrants and refugees: benefits for all parties involved** (*Rapporteur: Mr Domagoj Hajduković, Croatia, SOC*): held an exchange of views with the participation of Ms Maria Clara Martin, UNHCR Representative in Greece; Mr Gianluca Rocco, Chief of Mission and Regional Response Coordinator, IOM Greece; Ms Melina Daskalaki, Special Advisor to the Mayor of Athens for Migrants and Refugees and President at City of Athens Reception and Solidarity Centre, Greece and Mr Christos Papadopoulos, Special Advisor to the Mayor on the field of culture, city of Ioannina, Greece;
  - **Social inclusion of migrants, refugees and internally displaced persons through sport** (*Rapporteur: Ms Nigar Arpadarai, Azerbaijan, EC/DA*): held an exchange of views with the participation of Mr Spyros I. Capralos, President of the Hellenic Olympic Committee and Ms Maria Clara Martin, UNHCR Representative in Greece;
  - **Council of Europe contribution to the implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration and the Global Compact on Refugees:** heard a statement by Mr Nicos Tornaritis (Cyprus, EPP/CD), Rapporteur for the follow-up Resolution 2379 (2021), and held an exchange of views with the participation of Ms Leyla Kayacik, Special Representative of the Secretary

General of the Council of Europe on Migration and Refugees; Ms Maria Clara Martin, UNHCR Representative in Greece and Mr Gianluca Rocco, Chief of Mission and Regional Response Coordinator, IOM Greece;

- **Appointment of a member to the Ad hoc Committee of the Bureau of the Assembly to participate in the 17th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport, Antalya, 26 October 2022** (at no cost to the Assembly): appointed Ms Nigar Arpadarai (Azerbaijan, EC/DA), Rapporteur on *Social inclusion of migrants, refugees and internally displaced persons through sport* and also authorised her to participate at the side-event on the integration of migrants and refugees through sport, which will be organised by the Council of Europe's Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport on 27 October, after the Ministerial Conference (also at no cost to the Assembly);
- **Next meetings:** took note of its next meetings as follows:
  - **Strasbourg**, during 4th part session, from 10 to 14 October 2022
  - **Paris**, Wednesday 7 December 2022

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**The Sub-Committee on Diasporas and Integration**, meeting in Athens, Greece with Mr Paulo Pisco (Portugal, SOC), Chairperson, in the Chair:

- **on Monday, 19 September 2022, from 17:00 to 17:30**, as regards:
  - **“The Diaspora as a force of transformation – what relations between Greece and its Diaspora?”**: held an exchange of views with the participation of Mr Savvas Anastasiadis, Chairperson of the Special Permanent Committee on Greeks Abroad, Hellenic Parliament and Dr Othon Anastasakis, Director, European Studies Centre, University of Oxford;
  - **Next meetings:** took note of its next meetings as follows:
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