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

### Synopsis of the meetings held in Strasbourg from 10 to 13 October 2022

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

- on **Monday 10 October 2022, from 14:00 to 14:30**, as regards:
  - “**Addressing the needs of the Ukrainian diaspora in Strasbourg/Alsace/Grand Est**”: held an exchange of views with Ms Iryna Petrovska, Vice-President of PromoUkraina Association;
  - **Next meeting**: took note of its next meeting in Paris, on 7 December 2022;

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**The Sub-Committee on Refugee and Migrant Children and Young People**, meeting in Strasbourg with Mr Ionuț-Marian Stroe (Romania, EPP/CD), Chairperson, in the Chair:

- on **Monday 10 October 2022, from 14:30 to 15:00**, as regards:
  - **Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2022 - 2027)**: held an exchange of views with Ms Katrin Uerpmann, Programme Officer, Secretary of the Steering Committee for the Rights of the Child (CDENF), Children’s Rights Division (DGII), Council of Europe, and Ms Maren Lambrecht, Programme Officer, Secretary of the Inter-secretariat Task Force for the Rights of the Child, Children’s Rights Division (DGII), Council of Europe;
  - **Next meeting**: took note of its next meeting to be held in Strasbourg during the January 2023 part-session;

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**The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons**, meeting in Strasbourg, with Mr Paul Gavan (Ireland, UEL), First Vice-Chairperson, in the Chair:

- on **Tuesday 11 October 2022, from 08:30 to 10:00**, as regards:
  - **The humanitarian crisis emerging for Afghanistan and Afghan refugees** (*Rapporteur: Mr Birgir Þórarinnsson, Iceland, EPP/CD*): considered a draft outline and held a hearing with Ms Rana Refahi, Afghanistan consultant, Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network; authorised the rapporteur to carry out a fact-finding visit to Türkiye in 2023 in the framework of the preparation of his report (*subject to the availability of funds*); following some explanation provided by the Rapporteur, confirmed that no change in the title was necessary contrary to what was initially proposed in footnote 1 of the draft outline; took

note of the Rapporteur informing of his plan to travel to Afghanistan, Pakistan and Iran by the end of 2022 in his private capacity, a mission which has no connection with the Council of Europe.

- **Integration of migrants and refugees: benefits for all parties involved** (*Rapporteur: Mr Domagoj Hajduković, Croatia, SOC*): considered an introductory memorandum and held an exchange of views with Ms Salomé Brun, Committee's Communication unit (Médecins du monde), representing the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe, and Mr Samir Hećo, Project Officer, Education Department, Council of Europe;
- **on Wednesday 12 October 2022, from 14:00 to 15:30**, as regards:
  - **Safe third countries for asylum seekers** (*Rapporteur: Ms Stephanie Krisper, Austria, ALDE*): took position on 6 amendments tabled to the draft Resolution and one amendment tabled to the draft Recommendation;
  - **Pushbacks on land and sea: illegal measures of migration management** (*Rapporteur: Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez, Switzerland, SOC*): took position on 15 amendments tabled to the draft Resolution and decided to table two oral amendments ;
- **on Thursday 13 October 2022 from 08:30 to 10:00**, as regards:
  - **European solidarity in the context of asylum and international protection** (*Rapporteur: Lord Alexander Dundee, United Kingdom, EC/DA*): considered a draft outline and held an exchange of views with Mr Tomáš Boček, Vice-Governor of the Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB);
  - **Follow-up to the Resolution 2448 Humanitarian consequences and internal and external displacement in connection with the aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine**: held an exchange of views with Mr Tomáš Boček, Vice-Governor of the Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB);
  - **Work programme:**
    - **Appointment of a Rapporteur:**
      - **The theme of migration and asylum in the election campaign and the consequences on the welcoming and rights of migrants:** appointed Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC) as Rapporteur, in replacement of Ms Yolaine de Courson (France, ALDE), no longer member of PACE and heard his declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
    - **Call for candidates:** called for candidates for rapporteurs for:
      - **The situation of Ukrainian persons forcefully displaced or transferred to the Russian Federation or Ukrainian territories under the de facto control of the Russian Federation:** took note of the candidature of Mr Paulo Pisco (Portugal, SOC);
      - **Addressing the specific challenges faced by the Belarusians in exile:** took note of the candidature of Mr Paul Galles (Luxembourg, EPP/CD);
    - **The Assembly's procedures and working methods during sessions and meetings held in physical presence of members: "lessons learned from operating in hybrid format":** heard observations concerning the procedures and practices followed in the Committee, to be notified to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs;
  - **Composition of the Sub-Committees:** approved the following changes:
    - Sub-Committee on Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Human Beings:**
      - Ms Sophie WILMES (Belgium, ALDE) to become an alternate member of Mr Fourat BEN CHIKA (Belgium, SOC);
    - Sub-Committee on Refugee and Migrant Children and Young People:**

- Ms Sophie WILMES (Belgium, ALDE) to become an alternate member of Mr Tom van GRIEKEN (Belgium, EC/DA);
  - Ms Iryna KONSTANKEVICH (Ukraine, EC/DA) to become a full member;
- **Next meeting:** took note of its next meeting in Paris, on 7 December 2022;

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