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

Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris on 7 December 2022

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, meeting in Paris on 7 December 2022, from 9:30 to 12:30 and from 14:00 to 16:30, with Mr Theodoros Rousopoulos (Greece, EPP/CD), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **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:** appointed Mr Paulo Pisco (Portugal, SOC) as rapporteur for report and heard his declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
- **Addressing the specific challenges faced by the Belarusians in exile:** appointed Mr Paul Galles (Luxembourg, EPP/CD) as rapporteur for report and heard his declaration of absence of conflict of interest; Mr Paul Galles indicated that he would use the correct term in the French version of the title "Bélarusses";
- **Integration of migrants and refugees: benefits for all parties involved** (*Rapporteur: Mr Domagoj Hajduković, Croatia, SOC*): in the absence of the rapporteur, heard a recorded presentation by Mr Sølve Sætre, Head of section for diversity and inclusion, City of Bergen, Norway, on the asylum policy implementation at local level, in Bergen, and had a video projection about the "Straight to work" programme of integration of refugees carried out in the municipality of Øygarden;
- **Social inclusion of migrants, refugees and internally displaced persons through sport** (*Rapporteur: Ms Nigar Arpadarai, Azerbaijan, EC/DA*): heard a statement by the rapporteur on her participation in the 17th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport and the side-event on the inclusion of migrants and refugees through sport, 26-27 October 2022, Antalya, Türkiye; held an exchange of views with Ms Paule Ignatio, Diplomatic Adviser, Ministry of Sport and the Olympic and Paralympic Games, France and with Ms Nagin Ravand, Founder and Director, GLOBAL, Denmark;
- **The humanitarian crisis emerging for Afghanistan and Afghan refugees** (*Rapporteur: Mr Birgir Þórarinnsson, Iceland, EPP/CD*): took note that the rapporteur was currently visiting Afghanistan in his private capacity; held an exchange of views with Mr Reshad Jalali, Senior Policy Officer at European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE);, Afghanistan programme;
- **European solidarity in the context of asylum and international protection** (*Rapporteur: Lord Alexander Dundee, United Kingdom, EC/DA*): held an exchange of views with Mr Bernd Vöhringer

(Germany, EPP/CCE), President of the Chamber of Local Authorities of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe and Mayor of Sindelfigen; took note of the humanitarian request letter regarding Ukraine by Ms Wen Li, Director of External Relations of IOM;

- **Human rights as a prerequisite for accessing the Schengen area:** considered and adopted a draft declaration on behalf of the Committee, proposed at the initiative of Mr Julian Pahlke (Germany, SOC);
- **Precarious and irregular work situations of migrants and cross-border workers** (*Rapporteur: Ms Diana Stoica, Romania, ALDE*): held an online exchange of views with Ms Elena Stancu, independent journalist, Romania; agreed to change the title as follows: “Precarious and irregular work situations of migrant seasonal workers and domestic migrant workers”; decided to request that the Bureau of the Assembly grant an extension of the validity of the reference until 31 December 2023;
- **Missing migrants, refugees and asylum seekers – a call to clarify their fate** (*Rapporteur: Mr Julian Pahlke, Germany, SOC*): considered a draft outline and held an exchange of views with Ms Kirsty MacDonald, Protection Coordination, ICRC France;
- **The theme of migration and asylum in the election campaign and the consequences on the welcoming and rights of migrants** (*Rapporteur: Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez, Switzerland, SOC*): in the absence of the rapporteur, considered a draft outline; authorised the rapporteur to carry out a fact-finding visit to Sweden in 2023;
- **Consideration of the replies by the Committee of Ministers:**
 - **Reply to Recommendation 2191 (2020) Investment Migration** (*Rapporteur: Aleksander Pocij, Poland, EPP/CD*): heard a statement by the former rapporteur on the reply;
- **Composition of the Sub-Committees:** approved the following changes:
 - Sub-Committee on Refugee and Migrant Children and Young People:**
 - Mr Kriton-Ilias ARSENIS (Greece, UEL) to become an alternate member of Ms Liana KANELLI (Greece, UEL);
 - Sub-Committee on Diasporas and Integration:**
 - Mr Kriton-Ilias ARSENIS (Greece, UEL) to become alternate to Mr Sokratis FAMELLOS (Greece, UEL);
- **Next meetings:** took note of its next meetings as follows:
 - During the January part-session (23-27 January 2023), Strasbourg
 - 15 March 2023, Paris (to be confirmed)
 - During the April part-session (24-28 April 2023), Strasbourg
 - 11 May 2023, Paris (to be confirmed)
 - During the June part-session (19-23 June 2023), Strasbourg
 - 21 September 2023 (date and place to be confirmed)
 - During the October part-session (9-13 October 2023), Strasbourg
 - 8 December 2023, Paris (to be confirmed)

The Sub-Committee on Diasporas and Integration, meeting in Paris, on 7 December 2022 from 16:30 to 17:00, with Mr Paulo Pisco (Portugal, SOC), Chairperson, in the Chair:

- **IOM Diaspora mapping toolkit:** held an exchange of views on IOM’s Diaspora Mapping Toolkit with Ms Larisa Lara, Transnational Communities and Digital Communications Officer, International Organization for Migration (IOM);

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