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

Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris on 1 June 2012

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, meeting in Paris on 1 June 2012, with Mr Giacomo Santini (Italy, EPP/CD) in the Chair, as regards:

- **The situation of Roma in Europe: movement and migration** (*Rapporteur: Ms Annette Groth, Germany, UEL*): considered and approved a draft report, deciding to change the title to “Roma migrants in Europe”, and adopted unanimously a draft recommendation, as amended;
- **The portrayal of migrants and refugees during election campaigns** (*Rapporteur: Ms Daphné Dumery, Belgium, NR*): considered and approved a draft report, deciding to change the title (French version only) to “*Utilisation des migrants et des réfugiés pendant les campagnes électorales*” and adopted unanimously a draft resolution, as amended;
- **Management of mixed migration and asylum challenges beyond the European Union’s Eastern border** (*Rapporteur: Mr Andrea Rigoni, Italy, ALDE*): held an exchange of views on the basis of a statement by the rapporteur;
- **Lives lost in the Mediterranean Sea: Who is responsible? – Follow-up** (*Rapporteur: Ms Tineke Strik, Netherlands, SOC*): held an exchange of views on the basis of a statement by the rapporteur;
- **Co-operation with non European countries of origin and transit**: held an exchange of views on the basis of a statement by Mr Tadeusz Iwiński (Poland, SOC), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on co-operation with non European countries of origin and transit, in particular on the meeting held in Malta on 22-24 May 2012, on the “Dialogue on Mediterranean Transit Migration” (MTM), and held an exchange of views with Mr Mohammed Ameer and Ms Nezha El Ouafi, members of the Parliament of Morocco;
- **Hearing on Detention**: held an exchange of views on the basis of a statement by Mr Jean-Marie Delarue, Controller-General for Places of Deprivation of Liberty in France;
- **The war between Georgia and Russia: the humanitarian situation in the war-affected areas** (*Rapporteur: Ms Tina Acketoft, Sweden, ALDE*): decided to postpone the approval of a draft report and the adoption of a draft resolution and a draft recommendation, authorised the rapporteur to visit Moscow and South Ossetia, Georgia, and asked the Chairperson to request the Bureau of the Assembly, on behalf of the Committee, to give a new mandate to the Committee to prepare a report on “the war between Georgia and Russia: the humanitarian situation in the war-affected areas”;
- **Hearing on Integration**: held an exchange of views on the basis of a statement by Mr Christopher Hedges, former Chairperson of the European Committee on Migration (CDMG) and Mr Thomas Huddleston, Policy Analyst, Migration Policy Group;

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- **FRONTEX and human rights implications of Europe’s border security** (*Rapporteur: Mr Mikael Cederbratt, Sweden, EPP/CD*): held an exchange of views on the basis of a statement by the rapporteur on his fact-finding visit to Warsaw on 16 May 2012;
- **Alternatives to Europe’s sub-standard IDP collective centres** (*Rapporteur: Mr René Rouquet, France, SOC*): held an exchange of views on the basis of a statement by Ms Nadine Walicki, Country Analyst, International Displacement Monitoring Centre, Norwegian Refugee Council;
- **Draft motion presented on behalf of the Committee:**
 - approved a motion for a resolution on “Migrants: a benefit or a burden for our society?” with a view to its tabling;
- **World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 5-11 October 2012)**: appointed Mr Mustafa Jemiliev (Ukraine, EPP/CD) to become a member of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Bureau;
- **Representation of the committee:**
 - appointed Ms Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC) to participate in a workshop on “Using legal strategies to enforce undocumented migrants’ human rights” organised by the Platform for International Co-operation on Undocumented Migrants (PICUM) in Brussels (Belgium) on 15 June 2012, subject to the availability of funds;
 - appointed Mr Tuğrul Türkeş (Turkey, EDG) to participate in a symposium on “Migration management” organised by the Grand National Assembly of Turkey and the European Union in Hatay (Turkey) on 7 and 8 June 2012, at no cost to the Assembly.
- **Next meetings:**
 - Strasbourg, during the Assembly's 3rd part-session of 2012 (25-29 June)
 - Paris, 14 September 2012 (tbc)
 - Strasbourg, during the Assembly's 4th part-session of 2012 (1-5 October)
 - Paris or Geneva, 4 December 2012 (tbc) and for Geneva (*subject to the Bureau’s authorisation*)

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