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

Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 21, 22, 23 and 24 January 2013

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, meeting in Strasbourg, with first Mr Jim Hood (United Kingdom, SOC), oldest person present, and then Mr Giacomo Santini (Italy, EPP/CD) in the Chair,

- on Monday 21 January 2013 at 2 p.m., as regards:
 - A minute's silence was observed in memory of the former President of the Assembly, **Mr Lluís Maria de Puig**, who died in December 2012;
 - **Election of the Committee's Bureau:**
 - elected Mr Giacomo Santini (Italy, EPP/CD) Chairperson by acclamation;
 - elected Mr Tuğrul Turkes (Turkey, EDG) 1st Vice-Chairperson by acclamation;
 - elected Ms Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC) 2nd Vice-Chairperson by acclamation;
 - elected Mr Gebhard Negele (Liechtenstein, EPP/CD) 3rd Vice-Chairperson by acclamation;
 - **Migration and asylum: mounting tensions in the Eastern Mediterranean:** appointed Ms Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC) as Rapporteur;
 - **Constitution of the Sub-Committees:** decided to reconstitute the following Sub-Committees:
 - Sub-Committee on Integration,
 - Sub-Committee on Detention,
 - Sub-Committee on Co-operation with non European countries of origin and transit,and decided to reconstitute the *Ad hoc* Sub-Committee on large-scale arrival of irregular migrants, asylum-seekers and refugees on Europe's Southern shores;
 - **FRONTEX: the need to improve its human rights role and capabilities:** in the absence of the Rapporteur, considered a preliminary draft report;
 - **Refugees and the fight against AIDS:** held an exchange of views with Mr Harry Witzthum, Head of Development, Swiss Aids Federation and heard a statement on the Rapporteur's fact-finding mission to Moscow (21 November 2012); decided to change the title of the report to "Migrants and refugees and the fight against AIDS"; authorised the Rapporteur to carry out a fact-finding visit to Portugal in the framework of the preparation of her report;
 - **Missing persons from Europe's conflicts: the long road to finding humanitarian answers:** heard a statement on the Rapporteur's fact-finding mission to Geneva (3 December 2012);

- on Tuesday 22 January 2013 at 2 p.m., as regards:
 - **Composition of the Sub-Committees:** agreed the composition of the three reconstituted Sub-Committees as well as the reconstituted *Ad hoc* Sub-Committee on large-scale arrival of irregular migrants, asylum seekers and refugees on Europe's Southern shores (see appendix);
 - **Ad hoc Sub-Committee on the large-scale arrival of irregular migrants, asylum-seekers and refugees on Europe's Southern Shores:** heard a statement on the fact-finding mission to Athens (Greece) and the Greek-Turkish border (14-16 January 2013);
 - **Migration and asylum: mounting tensions in the Eastern Mediterranean:** heard a declaration of absence of conflict of interest from the rapporteur; approved a draft report and adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation;
 - **Georgia and Russia: the humanitarian situation in the conflict- and war-affected areas:** took position on the amendments tabled to the draft resolution and the draft recommendation;
- on Wednesday 23 January 2013 at 2 p.m., as regards:
 - **Joint hearing with the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination:** held a joint hearing on "Refugee women and the Istanbul Convention - preventing and combating sexual and gender-based violence", organised by the Parliamentary network "Women free from violence" in cooperation with UNHCR;
- on Thursday 24 January 2013 at 8.30 a.m., as regards:
 - **Migration and asylum: mounting tensions in the Eastern Mediterranean:** took position on the amendments tabled to the draft resolution and the draft recommendation;
- on Thursday 24 January 2013 at 2 p.m., as regards:
 - **Trafficking of migrant workers for forced labour:** took position on the amendments tabled to the draft resolution;
 - **Integration tests for migrants: a step forward or back?:** held an exchange of views with Mr Christopher Hedges, former Chairperson of the European Committee on Migration (CDMG), and considered a revised memorandum;
 - **Integration of migrants: is Europe failing?:** heard a statement on the Rapporteur's fact-finding mission to visit the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF) in Nuremberg (8-9 January 2013);
 - **Effective and fair returns of irregular migrants and failed asylum seekers:** in the absence of the Rapporteur, authorised the Rapporteur to carry out a fact-finding visit on a joint-enforced return flight;
 - **Management of mixed migration and asylum challenges beyond the European Union's Eastern border:** in the absence of the Rapporteur, took note of a preliminary draft report;
 - **Replies from the Committee of Ministers to texts adopted by the Assembly presented by the Committee:** considered the joint reply to the following recommendations:
 - Recommendation 1967 (2011) on The large-scale arrival of irregular migrants, asylum seekers and refugees on Europe's southern shores,
 - Recommendation 1969 (2011) on Unaccompanied children in Europe: issues of arrival, stay and return
 - Recommendation 1973 (2011) on Asylum seekers and refugees: sharing responsibilities in Europe
 - **Training for Parliamentarians on visiting places of detention where irregular migrants and asylum seekers are held:** heard a statement on the training held in Strasbourg (4-5 December 2012);

– **Representation of the Committee:**

- appointed Mr Giacomo Santini (Italy, EPP/CD) to participate in the Conference on “Intercultural Cities: making diversity work for cities” in Dublin, Ireland, 6 to 8 February 2013 (subject to the availability of funds);

– **Meeting in Morocco, 4-5 April 2013 (subject to approval by the Bureau):** held an exchange of views on the draft agenda;

– **Next meetings:**

- **Morocco**, 4-5 April 2013 (subject to approval by the Bureau)
- **Strasbourg**, during the 2nd part-session 2013 (22-26 April)
- **Paris**, 4 June 2013 (tbc)
- **Strasbourg**, during the 3rd part-session 2013 (24-28 June)
- **Paris**, 10 September 2013 (tbc)
- **Strasbourg**, during the 4th part-session 2013 (30 September – 4 October)
- **Paris**, November/December 2013 (tbc)

The **Sub-Committee on Integration**, meeting in Strasbourg on 24 January 2013, with Mr Giacomo Santini (Italy, EPP/CD) in the Chair, as regards:

- Election of a Chairperson: re-elected Ms Mailis Reps (Estonia, ALDE) by acclamation;
- Election of a Vice-Chairperson: re-elected Mr René Rouquet (France, SOC) by acclamation;
- **Next meeting:** left it to its Chairperson to convene the next meeting;

The **Sub-Committee on Detention**, meeting in Strasbourg on 24 January 2013, with Mr Giacomo Santini (Italy, EPP/CD) in the Chair, as regards:

- Election of a Chairperson: re-elected Mr Mikael Cederbratt (Sweden, EPP/CD) by acclamation;
- Election of a Vice-Chairperson: re-elected Ms Annette Groth (Germany, UEL) by acclamation;
- **Next meeting:** left it to its Chairperson to convene the next meeting;

The **Sub-Committee on Co-operation with non European countries of origin and transit**, meeting in Strasbourg on 24 January 2013, with Mr Giacomo Santini (Italy, EPP/CD) in the Chair, as regards:

- Election of a Chairperson: re-elected Mr Tadeusz Iwiński (Poland, SOC) by acclamation;
- Election of a Vice-Chairperson: elected Mr Thierry Mariani (France, EPP/CD) by acclamation;
- **Next meeting:** left it to its Chairperson to convene the next meeting;

The **Ad hoc Sub-Committee on the large-scale arrival of irregular migrants, asylum-seekers and refugees on Europe's Southern Shores**, meeting in Strasbourg on 24 January 2013, with Mr Giacomo Santini (Italy, EPP/CD) in the Chair, as regards:

- Election of a Chairperson: re-elected Ms Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC) by acclamation;
- **Next meeting**: left it to its Chairperson to convene the next meeting;

Mark Neville, Agnès Nollinger, Olga Kostenko, Isild Heurtin

cc: Secretary General of the Assembly
Director General, Directors and all staff of the Secretariat of the Assembly
Secretaries of National Delegations and of Political Groups of the Assembly
Secretaries of observer and partner for democracy delegations
Secretary General of the Congress
Secretary to the Committee of Ministers
Directors General
Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe
Director of the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights
Director of Communication
Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe

APPENDIX**Composition of the Sub-Committees****1. Sub-Committee on Integration / Sous-commission sur l'intégration**
28 seats / sièges**Chairperson / Présidente:**

1. ESTONIA / ESTONIE Ms Mailis REPS (ALDE)

Vice-Chairperson / Vice-Président

2. FRANCE M. René ROUQUET (SOC)

COUNTRY / PAYS	MEMBER / MEMBRE	ALTERNATE / REMPLACANT
3. AUSTRIA / AUTRICHE	Mr Alev KORUN (NR)	
4. BELGIUM / BELGIQUE	Mr Daniel BACQUELAINE, (ALDE)	Ms Daphné DUMERY (NR)
5. CROATIA / CROATIE	Ms Melita MULIĆ (SOC)	
6. CYPRUS / CHYPRE	Ms Athina KYRIAKIDOU (SOC)	Ms Stella KYRIAKIDES (EPP/CD)
7. FINLAND / FINLANDE	Ms Anne-Mari VIROLAINEN (EPP/CD)	
8. FRANCE	M. Denis JACQUAT (EPP/CD)	
9. FRANCE	M. Jean-Marie BOCKEL (EPP/CD)	
10. GEORGIA / GEORGIE	Mr Irakli CHIKOVANI (ALDE)	
11. GERMANY / ALLEMAGNE	Mr Frank SCHWABE (SOC)	
12. GREECE / GRÈCE	Ms Foteini PIPILI (EPP/CD)	Mr Epameinondas MARIAS (NR)
13. IRELAND / IRLANDE	Ms Deirdre CLUNE (EPP/CD)	Ms Katherine ZAPPONE (NR)
14. LUXEMBOURG	M. Félix BRAZ (ALDE)	
15. REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA / RÉPUBLIQUE DE MOLDOVA	Mr Igor CORMAN (SOC)	
16. NETHERLANDS / PAYS-BAS	Ms Tineke STRIK (SOC)	Mr Peter VAN DIJK (NR)
17. SERBIA / SERBIE	Ms Alekandra DJUROVIĆ (NR)	
18. SLOVENIA / SLOVÉNIE	Mr Roman JAKIĆ (ALDE)	
19. SPAIN / ESPAGNE	Ms Delia BLANCO (SOC)	
20. SWEDEN / SUÈDE	Mr Lennart AXELSSON (SOC)	Ms Carina OHLSSON (SOC)
21. SWITZERLAND / SUISSE	M. Gerhard PFISTER (EPP/CD)	Mr Alfred HEER (ALDE)
22. TURKEY / TURQUIE	Mme Tülin ERKAL KARA (EPP/CD)	
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Ex-officio: Mr Giacomo SANTINI, Italy, EPP/CD, Chair of the Committee / Président de la Commission

2. Sub-Committee on Detention / Sous-commission sur la rétention
28 seats / sièges

Chairperson / Président:

1. SWEDEN / SUÈDE Mr Mikael CEDERBRATT (EPP/CD)

Vice-Chairperson / Vice-Présidente

2. GERMANY / ALLEMAGNE Ms Annette GROTH (UEL)

COUNTRY / PAYS	MEMBER / MEMBRE	ALTERNATE / REMPLACANT
3. AUSTRIA / AUTRICHE	Mr Martin GRAF (NR)	Mr Alev KORUN (NR)
4. BELGIUM / BELGIQUE	Ms Daphné DUMERY (NR)	Mr Armand De DECKER (ALDE)
5. FRANCE	M. Bernard FOURNIER (EPP/CD)	
6. GREECE / GRÈCE	Mr Petros TATSOPOULOS (UEL)	Ms Foteini PIPILI (EPP/CD)
7. IRELAND / IRLANDE	Ms Katherine ZAPPONE (NR)	Ms Deirdre CLUNE (EPP/CD)
8. LATVIA / LETTONIE	Mr Aleksandrs SAKOVSKIS (SOC)	
9. LUXEMBOURG	M. Norbert HAUPERT (EPP/CD)	
10. NETHERLANDS / PAYS-BAS	Mr Peter VAN DIJK (NR)	Ms Tineke STRIK (SOC)
11. SPAIN / ESPAGNE	Ms Delia BLANCO (SOC)	
12. SWEDEN / SUÈDE	Ms Tina ACKETOFT (ALDE)	
13. SWITZERLAND / SUISSE	Mme Doris FIALA (ALDE)	
14. SWITZERLAND / SUISSE	M. Eric VORUZ (SOC)	
15. TURKEY / TURQUIE	Mr Tuğrul TÜRKEŞ (EDG)	
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**3. Sub-Committee on Co-operation with non-European countries of origin and transit /
Sous-commission sur la coopération avec les pays d'origine et de transit non
européens**

28 seats / sièges

Chairperson / Président:

1. Poland / Pologne Mr Tadeusz IWIŃSKI (SOC)

Vice-Chairperson / Vice-Président

2. FRANCE M. Thierry MARIANI (PPE/DC) M. Jean-Marie BOCKEL (PPE/DC)

COUNTRY / PAYS	MEMBER / MEMBRE	ALTERNATE / REMPLACANT
3. AUSTRIA / AUTRICHE	Mr Martin GRAF (NR)	
4. BELGIUM / BELGIQUE	Mme Fatiha SAÏDI (SOC)	Mr Daniel BACQUELAINE (ALDE)
5. CYPRUS / CHYPRE	Ms Athina KYRIAKIDOU (SOC)	Ms Stella KYRIAKIDES (EPP/CD)
6. FRANCE	M. Bernard FOURNIER (EPP/CD)	M. Denis JACQUAT (EPP/CD)
7. FRANCE	M. René ROUQUET (SOC)	
8. GEORGIA / GEORGIE	Mr Irakli CHIKOVANI (ALDE)	
9. GERMANY / ALLEMAGNE	Ms Annette GROTH (UEL)	
10. GREECE / GRECE	Ms Liana KANELLI (UEL)	Mr Epameinondas MARIAS (NR)
11. ITALY / ITALIE	Mr Andrea RIGONI (ALDE)	
12. LUXEMBOURG	M. Félix BRAZ (ALDE)	
13. NETHERLANDS / PAYS-BAS	Ms Cora VAN NIEUWENHUIZEN (ALDE)	
14. NORWAY / NORVÈGE	Ms Ingjerd SCHOU (EPP/CD)	
15. PORTUGAL	Mr António BRAGA (SOC)	
16. RUSSIAN FEDERATION / FEDERATION DE RUSSIE	Mr Sergey KALASHNIKOV (EDG)	
17. SERBIA / SERBIE	Ms Stefana MILADINOVIĆ (SOC)	
18. SLOVENIA / SLOVENIE	Mr Roman JAKIĆ (ALDE)	
19. SWEDEN / SUÈDE	Mr Mikael CEDERBRATT (EPP/CD)	
20. SWITZERLAND / SUISSE	Mme Doris FIALA (ALDE)	
21. SWITZERLAND / SUISSE	M. Eric VORUZ (SOC)	
22. TURKEY / TURQUIE	Ms Pelin Gündeş BAKIR (EDG)	
23. TURKEY / TURQUIE	Mr Tuğrul TÜRKEŞ (EDG)	
24. UKRAINE	Mr Oleksandr SHEVCHENKO (NR)	
25. UNITED KINGDOM / ROYAUME-UNI	Baroness Judith WILCOX (EDG)	
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Ad Hoc Sub-Committee on the large-scale arrival of irregular migrants, asylum-seekers and refugees on Europe's Southern shores

Sous-commission ad hoc sur l'arrivée massive de migrants en situation irrégulière, de demandeurs d'asile et de réfugiés sur les rivages du sud de l'Europe

Chairperson / Présidente

Ms Tineke STRIK, Netherlands/Pays-Bas, SOC

Alternates / Remplaçants

Ms Delia BLANCO, Spain/Espagne, SOC

Members / Membres

Ms Tina ACKETOFT, Sweden/Suède, ALDE

Ms Annette GROTH, Germany/Allemagne, UEL

Mr Giacomo SANTINI, Italy/Italie, EPP/CD

Mr Christopher CHOPE,
United Kingdom/Royaume-Uni, EDG

Alternates / Remplaçants

Ms Doris FIALA, Switzerland/Suisse, ALDE

Mr Mikael CEDERBRATT, Sweden/Suède,
EPP/CD

Mr Tuğrul TÛRKEŞ, Turkey/Turquie, EDG