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

### Synopsis of the meeting held in Rabat (Morocco) on 4 and 5 April 2013

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, meeting in Rabat, with Mr Giacomo Santini (Italy, EPP/CD) in the Chair,

- on Thursday 4 April 2013 at 9.30 a.m., as regards:
  - **Draft motions for resolutions presented on behalf of the Committee:** approved a first motion for a resolution on “The Left-to-die boat: actions and reactions” and a second motion for a resolution on “Criminalisation of irregular migrants: a crime without victim” with a view to their tabling;
  - **FRONTEX: the need to improve its human rights role and capabilities** (Rapporteur: Mr Mikael Cederbratt, Sweden, EPP/CD): agreed a change of title to “Frontex: human rights responsibilities”, approved a draft report and adopted unanimously a draft resolution and a draft recommendation;
  - **Management of mixed migration and asylum challenges beyond the European Union’s Eastern border** (Rapporteur: Mr Andrea Rigoni, Italy, ALDE): in the absence of the rapporteur, approved a draft report and adopted unanimously a draft resolution;
  - **Integration tests for migrants: a step forward or back?** (Rapporteur : Ms Tineke Strik, Netherlands, SOC): considered a preliminary draft report;
  - **Integration of migrants: is Europe failing?** (Rapporteur: Ms Pelin Gündeş Bakir, Turkey, EDG): in the absence of the rapporteur, held an exchange of views;
  - **Effective and fair returns of irregular migrants and failed asylum seekers** (Rapporteur: Ms Anne-Mari Virolainen, Finland, EPP/CD): considered a draft memorandum;
  - **Missing persons from Europe’s conflicts: the long road to finding humanitarian answers** (Rapporteur: Mr Jim Sheridan, United Kingdom, SOC): in the absence of the rapporteur, considered a draft memorandum;
  - **Alternatives to Europe’s sub-standard IDP collective centres** (Rapporteur: Mr René Rouquet, France, SOC): considered an outline for a report;

- **Representatives of Civil Society:** held an exchange of views with the participation of Mr Bruno Meric, representative of *Terre des Hommes* and Mr Driss El Yazami, President of the National Council of Human Rights;
- **Training for Parliamentarians on visiting places of detention where irregular migrants and asylum seekers are held:** heard a statement by Mr Mikael Cederbratt, Sweden, EPP/CD, Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Detention;
- **Replies from the Committee of Ministers to texts adopted by the Assembly presented by the Committee:** considered the replies to the following recommendations:
  - Recommendation 1974 (2011) on “The interception and rescue at sea of asylum seekers, refugees and irregular migrants”,
  - Recommendation 1985 (2011) on “Undocumented migrant children in an irregular situation: a real cause for concern”
- **Composition of the Sub-Committees:** approved the following changes:
  - Sub-Committee on Integration
    - Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo (Monaco, EPP/CD) to become a titular member
    - Mr Ionuț-Marian Stroe (Romania, ALDE) to become a titular member
    - Mr Dan Radu Rușanu (Romania, ALDE) to become an alternate member
    - Mr Mihai Tudose (Romania, SOC) to become a titular member
    - Ms Ana Birchall (Romania, SOC) to become an alternate member
  - Sub-Committee on Co-operation with non-European countries of origin and transit
    - Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo (Monaco, EPP/CD) to become a titular member
    - Mr Ionuț-Marian Stroe (Romania, ALDE) to become a titular member
    - Mr Dan Radu Rușanu (Romania, ALDE) to become an alternate member
    - Mr Cezar Preda (Romania, EPP/CD) to become a titular member
    - Mr Mihai Viorel Fifer (Romania, SOC) to become an alternate member
- **Representation of the Committee - statement:**
  - Conference on “Intercultural Cities: making diversity work for cities”, Dublin, Ireland, 6-8 February 2013: heard a statement by Mr Giacomo Santini (Italy, EPP/CD);
- **Other business:**
  - decided to ask the Bureau to be seized for an opinion on the report on “Parliamentary contribution to solving the Western Sahara conflict” (reporting Committee: Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy, rapporteur: Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier, Switzerland, SOC);
  - was informed that Ms Annette Groth (Germany, UEL) intends to visit, on her own initiative, detention centres on the Greek Island of Lesbos;
- **on Thursday 4 April 2013 at 2.30 p.m and**
- **on Friday 5 April 2013 at 9.30 a.m., as regards:**
- **Inter-Parliamentary Conference on “How can Morocco and Europe face up to the challenges and opportunities of South-North Migration ?”:** held a conference with the participation, inter alia, of:
  - **Mr Mohamed Yatim**, First Vice-President of the House of Representatives of the Moroccan Parliament
  - **Mr Mohamed Faouzi Benallal**, First Vice-President of the House of Advisors of the Moroccan Parliament
  - **Mr Abdellatif Maâzouz**, Minister Delegate to the Head of government in charge of Moroccans living abroad
  - **Mr Aziz Jillali Sghir**, *Pacha*, Head of the Division of the management of migratory flows, Directorate of Migration and Border Control, Ministry of Interior

– **Next meetings:**

- **Strasbourg**, during the 2nd part-session 2013 (22-26 April)
- **Paris**, 4 June 2013
- **Strasbourg**, during the 3<sup>rd</sup> part-session 2013 (24-28 June)
- **Paris**, 10 September 2013 (tbc)
- **Strasbourg**, during the 4<sup>th</sup> part-session 2013 (30 September – 4 October)
- **Paris**, 19-20 November 2013 (tbc)

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