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

Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris on 4 June 2013

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

- **Current affairs debate:** decided to request the Bureau of the Assembly that a current affairs debate on “Riots in Sweden: European immigration policy in the spotlight” be held during the third part-session of the Assembly in June 2013 ;
- **Follow-up to the current affairs debate on “Syrian refugees in Jordan, Turkey, Lebanon and Iraq: how to organise and support international assistance?”:** appointed Mr Jean-Marie Bockel (France, EPP/CD) Rapporteur and heard a declaration of absence of conflict of interest from him;
- **Integration tests for migrants: a step forward or back?** (Rapporteur: Ms Tineke Strik, Netherlands, SOC): approved a draft report and adopted unanimously a draft resolution and a draft recommendation and decided to modify the title of the report as follows: Integration tests: helping or hindering integration?;
- **Interparliamentary Conference – Rabat, Morocco, 4-5 April 2013:** held an exchange of views on the follow-up to this conference;
- **The situation of Migrant Elders:** held an exchange of views with Mr Denis Jacquat, President of the Information Mission to the French National Assembly and member of the Committee;
- **Resettlement of refugees: an efficient tool for greater solidarity in Europe** (Rapporteur: Mr Eric Voruz, Switzerland, SOC): considered an outline for a report and held an exchange of views with the participation of:
 - Mr Olivier Beer, UNHCR Representative to the European Institutions in Strasbourg
 - Ms Jo De Backer, Project Development and Resettlement Coordinator, IOM
 - Mr Oskar Ekblad, Head of the Resettlement Team, Swedish Migration Board
 - Mr Marcin Pruss, DG Home Affairs, European Commission
- **Exchange of views with La Cimade:** heard a statement by Ms Clémence Racimora, representative of *La CIMADE* and held an exchange of views;
- **The arrival of mixed migratory flows to Italian coastal areas** (Rapporteur: Mr Christopher Chope, United Kingdom, EDG): considered a memorandum;
- **Missing persons from Europe’s conflicts: the long road to finding humanitarian answers** (Rapporteur: Mr Jim Sheridan, United Kingdom, SOC): considered a preliminary draft report;

- **Migrants: a benefit or a burden for our society?** (Rapporteur: Ms Athina Kyriakidou, Cyprus, SOC): considered an outline for a report;
- **Effective and fair returns of irregular migrants and failed asylum seekers** (Rapporteur: Ms Anne-Mari Virolainen, Finland, EPP/CD): heard a statement by the Rapporteur on the fact-finding mission on a forced return flight (23-24 May 2013);
- **Appointment of a Rapporteur:**
 - *The left-to-die boat: actions and reactions:* appointed Ms Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC) and heard a declaration of absence of conflict of interest from her;
- **Representation of the Committee**
 - **appointment:**
 - International Dialogue on Migration 2013: Diaspora Ministerial Conference, International Organization for Migration (IOM), Geneva (18, 19 June 2013): appointed Mr Giacomo Santini (Italy, EPP/CD);
 - **statement:**
 - Frontex: new responsibilities to protect human rights under the amended regulation, Subcommittee on Human Rights, European Parliament, Brussels (16 May 2013): heard a statement by Ms Daphné Dumery (Belgium, NR);
- **Other business:**
 - Took note of a letter forwarded by the Chairman of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights regarding Camps Ashraf and Liberty;
- **Next meetings:**
 - **Strasbourg**, during the 3rd part-session 2013 (24-28 June)
 - **Paris**, 10 September 2013
 - **Strasbourg**, during the 4th part-session 2013 (30 September – 4 October)
 - **Zurich**, 16-17 October 2013 – Training for Parliamentarians on visits to places of detention
 - **Paris**, 19-20 November 2013 (tbc)
 - **Paris**, 16-17 December (tbc) – Conference on Integration

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