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Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons

LAUNCHING CONFERENCE OF THE PARLIAMENTARY NETWORK ON DIASPORA POLICY

Final Statement

1. We, members of the parliaments of European and South Mediterranean countries, gathered in Lisbon on 7-8 September 2017 at the Conference organised by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) on the invitation of the Portuguese Parliament agreed to:
2. Create a Parliamentary Network on Diaspora Policy with the aim of promoting policy and legislative reforms regarding diaspora's role in the countries of origin and host societies;
3. Focus the activities of the network on:
 - 3.1. empowering parliamentarians to address the needs of diaspora communities and build inclusive societies;
 - 3.2. promoting political co-operation between countries of origin and host countries;
 - 3.3. promoting democratic participation of diasporas;
 - 3.4. promoting the role of diaspora associations in the integration of migrants in host communities;
 - 3.5. strengthening dialogue between members of the Network and diaspora associations;
4. Appoint Mr Andrea Rigoni (MP, Italy) as co-ordinator of the Network for a one-year period;
5. Entrust the Secretariat of the Committee of Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons of the PACE with the tasks of the Secretariat of the Network;
6. Convene the next meeting of the Network in 2018;
7. Promote and declare the day of the issuing of this statement, 8 September, as European Day of Diasporas.

Done in Lisbon on 8 September 2017.

Appendix: List of the members of the Network.



APPENDIX- LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE NETWORK

Members of Parliament

Ms	ÅBERG	Boriana	Member of the Parliament of Sweden
Ms	ALHEISAH	Marram	Member of the Parliament of Jordan (Partner for Democracy)
Mr	ALQAISI	Nassar	Member of the Parliament of Jordan (Partner for Democracy)
Mr	ASHOTYAN	Armen	Chair of the Standing Committee on Foreign Relations, National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia
Ms	ATANASOVA	Desislava	Member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Parliament of Bulgaria
Mr	BADEA	Viorel-Riceard	Member of the Parliament of Romania
Mr	BARREIRO	José Manuel	Member of the Parliament of Spain
Ms	BERARDO	Rubina	Member of the European Affairs Committee, Parliament of Portugal
Ms	BULIGA	Valentina	Chairperson of the National Delegation of the Republic of Moldova
Mr	ČERNOCH	Marek	Member of the Parliament of the Czech Republic
Ms	CHAGAF	Aziza	Member of the Parliament of Morocco (Partner for Democracy)
Mr	CODREANU	Constantin	Chairperson of the Committee for Romanian Communities Living Abroad, Member of the Chamber of Deputies of Romania
Mr	ČOTRIC	Aleksandar	Member of the Parliament of Serbia
Ms	CUTAJAR	Rosianne	Member of the Parliament of Malta
Mr	DI STEFANO	Manlio	Member of the Parliament of Italy
Ms	DOBEŠOVÁ	Ivana	Member of the Czech Republic
Mr	FERRO RODRIGUES	Eduardo	President of the Parliament of Portugal
Mr	FRIDEZ	Pierre-Alain	Member of the Parliament of Switzerland
Mr	GONÇALVES	Carlos Alberto	Member of the Delegation of Portugal to the PACE
Ms	GOY-CHAVENT	Sylvie	Member of the Parliament of France
Mr	GULYAS	Gergely	Deputy Speaker of the Parliament of Hungary
Mr	HAJDUKOVIĆ	Domagoj	Member of the Parliament of Croatia
Mr	HEER	Alfred	Member of the Parliament of Switzerland
Mr	HWAYEL	Jamal	Member of the Palestinian National Council
Mr	IBRAHIMOVIC	Ervin	Member of the Parliament of Montenegro
Mr	JUDINS	Andrejs	Deputy Chairman of the Citizenship, Migration and Social Cohesion Committee, Parliament of Latvia
Ms	KAVVADIA	Ioanneta	Chairperson of the National Delegation of Greece
Mr	KOECK	Eduard	Member of the Parliament of Austria
Mr	KOUSKOUS	Hamid	Vice-President of the Chamber of Councillors, Parliament of Morocco
Mr	KÜÇÜKCAN	Talip	Chairperson of the National Delegation of Turkey to the PACE
Mr	LE BORGNI'	Pierre-Yves	Former member of the French National Assembly, representing the French living abroad
Mr	LEITE RAMOS	Luís	Member of the Parliament of Portugal
Mr	LJUBIĆ	Božo	Chairperson of the Committee on Croats outside the

Mr	MARQUES	Duarte	Republic of Croatia, Parliament of Croatia
Ms	MENDES	Ana Catarina	Member of the Parliament of Portugal
Ms	MERGEN	Martine	Chairperson of the National Delegation of Portugal to the PACE
Mr	MEZURNISHVILI	Irakli	Member of the Parliament of Luxembourg
Mr	MOSTAFA	Hussein	Deputy Chairperson of the Committee on Diaspora and Caucasus Issues, Parliament of Georgia
Mr	MOUBDI	Mohamed	Member of the Education Committee, Parliament of Egypt
Mr	MUNYAMA	Killion	Member of the Parliament of Morocco (Partner for Democracy)
Mr	NEGRÃO	Fernando	Member of the Parliament of Poland
Mr	NICOLINI	Marco	Chairperson of the Portuguese Delegation to PA-UfM
Mr	NUTT	Mart	Member of the Parliament of San Marino
Mr	O'BRIEN	Darragh	Member of the Constitutional Committee, Parliament of Estonia
Mr	OUSSAHLA	Mohamed Reda	Member of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Foreign Affairs and Trade, Parliament of Ireland
Mr	PACKALÉN	Tom	Member of the Parliament of Algeria
Mr	PISCO	Paulo	Member of the Parliament of Finland
Ms	PRUNĂ	Cristina-Mădălina	Member of the Parliament of Portugal
Mr	QUINTANILHA	Alexandre	Member of the Parliament of Romania
Mr	RIGONI	Andrea	Chairperson of the Sub-Committee, Member of the Parliament of Italy
Ms	RODRÍGUEZ RAMOS	Soraya	Member of the Parliament of Spain
Mr	ROUQUET	René	Vice-President of the Parliamentary Assembly
Ms	SANDBAEK	Ulla	Member of the Parliament of Denmark
Mr	SEKULIĆ	Pedrag	Member of the Parliament of Montenegro
Ms	SERRÃO	Idália	Member of the Parliament of Portugal
Mr	ŚLUSARZ	Rafał	Member of the Parliament of Poland
Mr	STROE	Ionuț-Marian	Member of the Parliament of Romania
Mr	TALAAT	Khalil Omar	Member of the Planning and Budget Committee, Parliament of Egypt
Mr	TAYEB	Bakkali	Member of the Chamber of Councillors, Parliament of Morocco
Mr	VERDUCCI	Francesco	Member of the Parliament of Italy
Ms	YAŞAR	Serap	Member of the Parliament of Turkey
Ms	YURYNETS	Oksana	Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Regional and Cross-border co-operation between Ukraine and the EU countries, Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine
Mr	ZAYADIN	Qais	Member of the Parliament of Jordan (Partner for Democracy)

Non-Governmental Organisations

Ms	ABREU	Vera	Consultant, Institute Marquês de Valle Flôr (IMVF)
Mr	ALVARES	Altino	Chair of the Portugal India Business Hub
Mr	BILGI	Bülent	Secretary General of the Union of European Turkish Democrats
Ms	BITUMBA	Suzanne Monkasa	President of the Platform for Congolese Diaspora Women of Belgium
Mr	De CARVALHO	Lourenço Xavier	Chairperson of the Luso-Illyrian Institute for Human Development and Honorary Consul of the Republic of Albania in Lisbon
Ms	De FREITAS TEIXEIRA	Heromina	Member of the Board of Directors of PIB HUB (People in Business Centre)
Mr	FIROZALI	Rahim	President of the Ismaili Muslim Community in Portugal, Ismaili Council for Portugal, Centro Ismaili in Lisbon
Mr	GNESA	Eduard	Member of the Council “Solidarität Dritte Welt“ Switzerland and Member of the Council “Reintegration in State of Origin Countries“, Switzerland
Ms	KHALID	Amina	Programme Manager, Initiatives of Change; Trustee and Project Manager, The Somali Initiative for Dialogue and Democracy
Mr	LALANI	Arif Z.	Ambassador, Head of the Diplomatic Department of the Seat of the Ismaili Imam
Ms	LAZORKINA	Olga	Deputy Director of the NGO Radzima, Belarus
Ms	MARTINS	Joana	Project Coordinator, Institute Marquês de Valle Flôr (IMVF)
Ms	MONIZ	Luzia	Chairperson of the Platform for the Development of African Women Association
Mr	SADOKHA	Pavlo	President of the Union of Ukrainians in Portugal
Mr	SWING	William Lacy	Director General, International Organisation for Migration
Ms	TKACZYK	Monika	Representative of the Federation of Poles in Great Britain CIO
Ms	UMBELINA	Natàlia	Director of the Platform for the Development of African Women Association
Dr	XERRI	Raymond C.	President of Europeans Throughout The World (ETTW), Director, Directorate of Maltese Living Abroad, Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Trade Promotion of Malta
Ms	YUSHCHENKO	Kateryna	First Lady of Ukraine 2005-2010, Chairperson of the Supervisory Board, Ukraine 3000 International Foundation