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Ad hoc committee on the situation of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers in Greece

To the Members of the Assembly

Synopsis

of the meeting in Greece (Athens and Lesbos) on 30 and 31 May 2016

The ad hoc committee of the Bureau of the Assembly on the situation of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers in Greece, meeting on 30-31 May 2016 in Athens and Lesbos, with Mr Pedro Agramunt, President of the Assembly, and then Ms Meritxell Mateu (Andorra, ALDE) in the Chair

- **on 30 May 2016:**

- was welcomed by Mr Nikolaos Voutsis, President of the Hellenic Parliament, and Ms Ioanneta Kavvadia, Chairperson of the Greek delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe;
- visited the Elliniko informal camps and the Skaramagas reception centres;
- held an exchange of views with:
 - Mr Anastasios Kourakis, First Deputy Speaker of the Hellenic Parliament
 - Mr Yiannis Mouzalas, Alternate Minister for Migration Policy
 - Mr Nikolaos Toskas, Alternate Minister of Citizen Protection
 - Mr Dimitris Vitsas, Deputy Minister of National Defense
 - Mr Andreas Xanthos, Minister of Health
 - Ms Theano Fotiou, Alternate Minister of Social Solidarity
 - Rear-Admiral Antonios Vidalis, General Inspector of Hellenic Coast Guard
 - Mr Philippe Leclerc, Representative of the United Nations High Commissioner (UNHCR) in Greece

- **on 31 May 2016**, having split in two groups:

in Athens, with Ms Meritxell Mateu in the Chair:

- visited the informal camp at Piraeus Port and the Eleonas reception centres;
- held exchanges of views with:
 - Ms Rena Dourou, Governor of Attica Region
 - Mr Giorgos Kaminis, mayor of Athens
 - Ms Maria Stavropoulou, Director of the Asylum Service
 - Mr Vassilis Karydis, Acting Ombudsman
 - Mr George Moschos, Deputy Ombudsman for Children's Rights
 - Mr Ioannis Tafillis, Secretary General of the Ministry of National Defense

- Mr Dimitris Christopoulos, Professor at Panteion University, Vice-President of the International Federation of Human Rights
- Ms Angeliki Argyropoulou-Chrysochoidou, First Vice-President of the National Commission for Human Rights
- Ms Maria Gavouneli, Professor, Chairperson of the Sub-committee on international communication and cooperation of the National Commission for Human Rights

in Lesvos, with Mr Pedro Agramunt, President of the Assembly, in the Chair:

- visited the reception centre at Kara Tepe
- visited the 'hotspot' (reception and identification centre) in Moria, met with representatives of the First Reception Service, and Médecins du Monde (Greece)
- visited the Silver Bay Hotel reception facility for refugee families and met with representatives of the NGOs Caritas and Boat Refugees
- held exchanges of views with:
 - Mr Spyros Galinos, Mayor of Lesvos
 - Mr Kampouris, Representative of the Governor of North Aegean region
 - Mr Stefanou, Hellenic Police Colonel of Lesvos
 - Mr Passadis, Harbour Master, port of Lesvos
 - Mr Scriban and Mr Katrakazas, representatives of the European Commission
 - Mr Pavel Representative of FRONTEX
 - Ms Epting, Representative of UNHCR
 - Ms Selaha, Representative of NGO "Angkalia"
 - Ms Andreadelli, Representative of NGO "Iliaktida".

Sonia Sirtori, David Milner

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