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

### Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris on 20 November 2013

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, meeting in Paris, with Ms Anne-Mari Virolainen (Finland, EPP/CD) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Syrian refugees in Jordan, Turkey, Lebanon and Iraq: how to organise and support international assistance?** (Rapporteur: Mr Jean-Marie Bockel, France, EPP/CD): held an exchange of views with the participation of Mr Apolonio Ruiz Ligeró, Vice-Governor of the Council of Europe Development Bank and Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC), expert on the question of Syrian refugees; decided to modify the title of the report as follows: “Syrian refugees: how to organise and support international assistance?”; approved a draft report and adopted unanimously a draft resolution; decided to ask the Bureau to invite the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Lebanon to address the Assembly during the first part-session of 2014, in the framework of the presentation of the report;
- **Migrants: a benefit or a burden for our society?** (Rapporteur: Ms Athina Kyriakidou, Cyprus, SOC): in the absence of the rapporteur, decided to modify the title of the report as follows: “Migrants: ensuring they are a benefit for European host societies” and approved a draft report and adopted a draft resolution;
- **Migrants and refugees and the fight against AIDS** (Rapporteur: Ms Doris Fiala, Switzerland, ALDE): approved a draft report and adopted a draft resolution;
- **The arrival of mixed migratory flows in Italian coastal areas** (Rapporteur: Mr Christopher Chope, United Kingdom, EDG): held an exchange of views and noted that Mr Gozi, Chairperson of the Italian Delegation, with the agreement of the Rapporteur would ask for a referral back to the Committee when discussing this point during the Standing Committee on Friday 22 November 2013;
- **Alternatives to Europe’s sub-standard IDP collective centres** (Rapporteur: Mr René Rouquet, France, SOC): heard a statement by the Rapporteur on the fact-finding mission to Georgia (4-5 November 2013);
- **Integration of migrants: is Europe failing?** (Rapporteur: Ms Pelin Gündeş Bakır, Turkey, EDG): decided to ask the Bureau to extend the mandate for the report until 30 June 2014;
- **2<sup>nd</sup> training for Parliamentarians on visiting places of detention for irregular migrants and asylum seekers (Zurich, 16-17 October 2013):** heard a statement by Ms Anne-Mari Virolainen (Finland, EPP/CD);
- **Meeting of the Sub-Committee on Detention, in the framework of the Conference on detention of migrants in Europe (Strasbourg, 21-22 November 2013):** considered the programme;

- **World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 27-29 November 2013):** considered the programme;
- **Work programme:** considered and held an exchange of views on the priorities of the Committee for 2014;
- **Composition of the Sub-Committees:** approved the following change:
  - Sub-Committee on Detention
    - Mr Anvar MAKHMUTOV (Russian Federation, EDG) to become a titular member
- **Representation of the Committee**
  - Appointment**

Appointed Mr Andrea Rigoni (Italy, ALDE) to participate in the conference on “Residence-based participation: a new reality of modern democracy”, organised by the Congress of the Council of Europe and the City of Strasbourg in Strasbourg on 27 November 2013, subject to the availability of financial resources by the Assembly;
  - Statement**

Conference on “Wipe out hate! UNITED in Solidarity”, organised by UNITED, Prague, Czech Republic, 26 October 2013: heard a statement by Ms Anne-Mari Virolainen (Finland, EPP/CD);
- **Free debate:** held an exchange of views;
- **Next meetings:**
  - **Strasbourg**, 21 and 22 November 2013, Sub-Committee on Detention in the framework of a conference on detention of migrants in Europe
  - **Strasbourg**, during the 1st part-session 2014 (27-31 January)
  - **Paris**, 13 March 2014 (tbc)
  - **Strasbourg**, during the 2nd part-session 2014 (7-11 April)

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