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

Synopsis of the meeting held in Bucharest (Romania) on 27 and 28 November 2014

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, meeting in Bucharest with Mr Thierry Mariani (France, EPP/CD) in the Chair,

- on Thursday, 27 November 2014 at 10 a.m., as regards:
 - **Overview of migration issues in Romania:** heard a statement by Mr Ionuț-Marian Stroe (Romania, ALDE), Chairperson of the Romanian Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly and Mr Angel Tîlvăr, Chairperson of the Committee on European Affairs of the Romanian Chamber of Deputies and Coordinator of the Group for Combating Human Trafficking of the Romanian Parliament; held an exchange of views with the participation of Mr Radu Podgorean, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Mr Nelu Pop, Head of the General Inspectorate for Immigration, Police Principal Quaestor;
 - **Forced migration: a new challenge** (Rapporteur: Mr Philippe Bies, France, SOC): in the absence of the rapporteur, authorised him to carry out a fact-finding visit to Geneva and Oxford;
 - **Democratic participation for migrant diaspora** (Rapporteur: Mr Andrea Rigoni, Italy, ALDE): considered and approved a draft report and adopted a draft resolution;
- on Thursday, 27 November 2014 at 2.30 p.m., as regards:
 - **The humanitarian situation in Ukraine** (Rapporteur: Mr Jim Sheridan, United Kingdom, SOC): considered and approved a draft report, adopted unanimously a draft resolution and agreed to change the title to: "The humanitarian situation of Ukrainian refugees and displaced persons"; heard a statement by the rapporteur on his fact-finding visit to Ukraine (16-18 November 2014); took note of the rapporteur's intention to prepare an addendum to the report to take into account the observations following the two fact-finding visits to Ukraine and to the Russian Federation (8 and 9 December 2014);
 - **Criminalisation of irregular migrants: a crime without victim** (Rapporteur: Mr Ionuț-Marian Stroe, Romania, ALDE): considered a memorandum and held an exchange of views with Ms Camelia Doru, President of the ICAR Foundation and with the participation of Ms Tatiana Dabija and Ms Anca Bucur, members of the ICAR Foundation;
 - **Humanitarian consequences of the threats posed by the terrorist group called "Islamic State"** (Rapporteur: Mr Jean-Marie Bockel, France, EPP/CD): in the absence of the rapporteur, took note of his next fact-finding visit to Geneva on 4 December 2014 and the preparation of a memorandum to be considered in January 2015; authorised the Chair to request, in consultation with the rapporteur, a debate under urgent procedure during the First Part of 2015 Session, if the situation requires it;

- **Sub-Committee on Co-operation with non-European countries of origin and transit (Rabat, Morocco, 23-24 October 2014):** heard a statement by Mr António Braga (Portugal, SOC), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee;
- **Workshop for French parliamentarians on visiting places of detention for irregular migrants and asylum seekers (Paris and Calais, 13-14 November 2014):** heard a statement by Mr René Rouquet (France, SOC) and took note of the next workshop which will be organised in the Netherlands in May 2015;
- **The impact of demography on migration:** held an exchange of views with Mr Gérard-François Dumont, Professor at *La Sorbonne*, Paris;
- **Work programme:**

Appointment of rapporteurs for reports

Countries of transit: meeting new migration and asylum challenges: in her absence appointed Ms Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC) subject to a declaration of absence of conflict of interest at the next meeting;

Assessing the need for a comprehensive review of the Dublin regulation and its implementation: appointed Mr Michele Nicoletti (Italy, SOC) and heard from him a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;

- **Representation of the Committee**

appointments:

Ms Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC) to participate in the “7th annual dialogue on Protection Challenges” organised by the UNHCR on 10-11 December 2014 in Geneva, subject to the availability of financial resources by the Assembly;

Ms Daphné Dumery (Belgium, NR) to participate in the “expert meeting on the implementation of the core standards for guardians of separated children in Europe” organised by Defence for children on 11 December 2014 in Brussels, at no cost to the Assembly;

- **Consideration of the priorities of the Committee for 2015:** considered a memorandum prepared by the Secretariat on the instructions of the Chair of the Committee and held an exchange of views; agreed not to renew the Sub-committee on detention in January 2015 and to replace it by a sub-committee on population;
- **Composition of the sub-committees:** approved the following changes in the delegation of Belgium:

Sub-Committee on Integration

- Ms Petra De Sutter (Belgium, SOC) to become a titular member
- Ms Daphné Dumery (Belgium, NR) to become an alternate member

Sub-Committee on Detention

- Ms Daphné Dumery (Belgium, NR) to become a titular member
- Ms Kristien Van Vaerenbergh (Belgium, NR) to become an alternate member

Sub-Committee on Co-operation with non-European countries of origin and transit

- Ms Sabien Lahaye-Battheu (Belgium, ALDE) to become a titular member
- Ms Petra De Sutter (Belgium, SOC) to become an alternate member

- **on Friday, 28 November 2014 at 9.30 a.m., as regards:**

- **Field visit:** heard a statement by the Director of the Otopeni Detention Centre and visited the Detention Centre;

- **Meeting with NGOs:** held an exchange of views with the participation of Ms Camelia Doru, President of the ICAR Foundation, Ms Tatiana Dabija, Ms Anca Bucur, Ms Iuliana Florea and Mr Bah Mamadou Mouminy, members of the ICAR Foundation, Ms Rodica Novac, Coordinator of the Association for organisation development (ADO SAH ROM), and Ms Simina Ana Guga, member of ADO SAH ROM;
- **Next meetings:**
 - **Strasbourg**, during the 1st part-session 2015 (26-30 January)
 - **Paris**, 23 March 2015 (to be confirmed)
 - **Strasbourg**, during the 2nd part-session 2015 (20-24 April)
 - **June 2015** (place and date to be confirmed)
 - **Strasbourg**, during the 3rd part-session 2015 (22-26 June)
 - **Paris**, 9 September 2015 (to be confirmed)
 - **Strasbourg**, during the 4th part-session 2015 (28 September-2 October)
 - **Paris**, 2 December 2015 (to be confirmed)

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