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

### Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 23, 24 and 25 June 2015

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, meeting in Strasbourg, with first Mr Thierry Mariani (France, EPP/CD) then Mr Denis Jacquat (France, EPP/CD), and then Mr René Rouquet (France, SOC) in the Chair,

- **on Tuesday, 23 June 2015 at 8.30 a.m.**, with Mr Thierry Mariani (France, EPP/CD) and then Mr Denis Jacquat (France, EPP/CD) in the Chair as regards:
  - **Exchange of views with the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe:** held an exchange of views with Ms Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni on migration issues;
  - **Possible ways to improve the emergency refugee situations funding:** considered and approved a draft motion for a resolution presented by the Committee with a view to its being tabled;
  - **Current affairs debate:** held an exchange of views on “The need for a common European response to migration challenges” with the participation of the Chairperson of the Delegation of Turkey to the Parliamentary Assembly, taking into account the findings of the report of the *Ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau of the Assembly on large scale arrival of refugees to Turkey (Istanbul-Gaziantep, 14-16 June 2015) with a view to the current affairs debate scheduled on Thursday, 25 June 2015;
  - **Organised crime and migrants** (Rapporteur: Mr Irakli Chikovani, Georgia, ALDE): heard a statement by the rapporteur on his fact-finding visit to Rome on 20 May 2015;
  - **Countries of transit: meeting new migration and asylum challenges** (Rapporteur: Ms Tineke Strik, Netherlands, SOC): heard a statement by the rapporteur on her fact-finding visit to Rabat on 10 June 2015 and considered and approved a memorandum;
  - **Training for Parliamentarians on visiting places of detention for irregular migrants and asylum seekers (Schiphol, Netherlands, 18 May 2015):** heard a statement by Ms Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC) on the training and the visit to the Detention Centre;
  - **Forced migration: a new challenge** (Rapporteur: Mr Philippe Bies, France, SOC): considered and approved a revised memorandum; took note of the rapporteur’s intention to make contacts to enable members to participate in a workshop during the 21st Session of the 2015 Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Paris from 30 November to 11 December 2015;
  - **Violence against migrants** (Rapporteur: Mr Andrea Rigoni, Italy, ALDE): heard a statement by the rapporteur on his future fact-finding visit to Germany on 2 and 3 July 2015 and considered and approved an outline for a report; authorised the rapporteur to carry out a fact-finding visit to Greece;

- **Recommendation 2046 (2014) on “The “left-to-die boat”: actions and reactions” and Recommendation 2047 (2014) on “The large-scale arrival of mixed migratory flows on Italian shores”**: decided to postpone the consideration of the replies by the Committee of Ministers to its next meeting and agreed to renew its invitation to a representative of the Committee of Ministers for an exchange of views on the subject during the 4<sup>th</sup> part of the 2015 Session of the Assembly;
- **on Wednesday, 24 June 2015 at 2.30 p.m.**, with Mr Thierry Mariani (France, EPP/CD) in the Chair, as regards:
  - **For a Europe without detained migrant children**: heard a statement by Ms Doris Fiala (Switzerland, ALDE), General Rapporteur on “Ending immigration detention of children” and held a hearing, moderated by Mr Ben Lewis, representative of the International Detention Coalition, with the participation of Ms Georgia Spyropoulou, Special Advisor of the alternate Minister for Migration Policy of Greece, Ms Genevieve Sauberli, Human Rights Officer, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and Ms Andrea Vonkeman, Senior Policy Officer, Bureau for Europe, UNHCR;
  - **Recommendation 2056 (2014) on “The alternatives to immigration detention of children”**: held an exchange of views on the reply of the Committee on Ministers;
  - **Rights of migrant workers**: held an exchange of views on the UN International Convention on the rights of all migrant workers and members of their families with Mr Pietro Marcenaro, Former Chairperson of the Human Rights Committee of the Italian Senate, President of the Centre of African Studies;
- **on Thursday, 25 June 2015 at 8.30 a.m.**, with Mr René Rouquet (France, SOC) in the Chair, as regards:
  - **Missing persons during the conflict in Ukraine** (Rapporteur: Mr Jim Sheridan, United Kingdom, SOC): took position on the 6 amendments tabled to the draft resolution and heard a statement by Ms Hanna Mokrousova, Coordinator of the NGO “Good action” on the urgent humanitarian concerns of the families of missing persons;
  - **Assessing the need for a comprehensive review of the Dublin regulation and its implementation** (Rapporteur: Mr Michele Nicoletti, Italy, SOC): heard a statement by the rapporteur and considered and approved a memorandum;
  - **The humanitarian crisis in Gaza** (Rapporteur: Ms Eva-Lena Jansson, Sweden, SOC): heard a statement by the rapporteur and held an exchange of views with representatives of the Palestinian Partner for Democracy Delegation to the PACE and with representatives of the Israeli authorities; took note of her intention to organise a hearing on the subject at the forthcoming meeting of the Committee; authorised the rapporteur to carry out a fact-finding visit to Israel and Palestinian territories including the Gaza Strip, subject to the authorisation of the Bureau;
  - **Follow-up to the conference on “Migration challenges in Central Asia”** (Bishkek Kyrgyzstan, 2 June 2015): considered and approved a draft motion for a resolution on “Migration challenges in Kyrgyzstan and other countries of Central Asia” presented by the Committee with a view to its being tabled;
  - **World Forum for Democracy on “Freedom vs control: For a democratic response”** (Strasbourg, 18-20 November 2015): appointed Mr Egidijus Vareikis (Lithuania, EPP/CD) to the *ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau;
  - **Sub-Committee on Co-operation with non-European countries of origin and transit (Lagos, Portugal, 30-31 March 2015)**: heard a statement by Mr António Braga (Portugal, SOC), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee;
  - **International Migrants’ Day (18 December 2015)**: heard a communication on the preparation of co-ordinated visits by parliamentarians to immigration detention centres in their respective member States and invited interested parties to register for one of the trainings scheduled on 9 September 2015, in Paris, and on 30 September 2015, in Strasbourg in the framework of the meetings of the Committee;

– **Appointment of rapporteurs for reports:**

**The impact of European populations dynamics on migration policies:** decided to postpone the appointment of a rapporteur until its next meeting;

– **The Mediterranean Sea: a front door to irregular migration** (Rapporteur: Ms Daphné Dumery, Belgium, NR): in the absence of the rapporteur, authorised her to carry out a fact-finding visit to Warsaw (Poland) for a meeting with FRONTEX;

– **Closing the protection gap of unaccompanied children in Europe** (Rapporteur: Mr René Rouquet, France, SOC): decided to postpone the consideration of an introductory memorandum until its next meeting;

– **Next meetings:**

- **Paris**, 9 September 2015
- **Strasbourg**, during the 4th part-session 2015 (28 September-2 October)
- **Paris**, 2 December 2015

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