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

Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 26, 27 and 28 January 2016

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, meeting in Strasbourg, with first Mr Bernard Fournier (France, EPP/CD), oldest member present, and then Ms Sahiba Gafarova (Azerbaijan, EC) in the Chair,

- on Tuesday, 26 January 2016 at 8.30 a.m., as regards:
 - **Election of the Bureau of the Committee:** elected by acclamation:
 - ✓ Ms Sahiba Gafarova (Azerbaijan, EC), Chairperson,
 - ✓ Mr Zsolt Csenger-Zálan (Hungary, EPP/CD), 1st Vice-Chairperson,
 - ✓ Ms Doris Fiala (Switzerland, ALDE), 2nd Vice-Chairperson,
 - ✓ Ms Petra De Sutter (Belgium, SOC), 3rd Vice-Chairperson;
 - **Constitution of Sub-Committees:** reconstituted the Sub-Committee on Integration, the Sub-Committee on Population and the Sub-Committee on Cooperation with non-European countries of origin and transit;
 - **The need to eradicate statelessness of children** (Rapporteur: Mr Manlio Di Stefano, Italy, NR): considered and approved a draft report, adopting unanimously the draft resolution as amended;
 - **Human rights of refugees and migrants – the situation in the Western Balkans** (Rapporteur: Ms Tineke Strik, Netherlands, SOC): following Ms Tineke Strik's appointment on 15 December 2015, heard from her a declaration of absence of conflict of interest; considered a preliminary draft report and held an exchange of views with Ms Chrysanthi Protogerou, Director of the Greek Council for Refugees, concerning the situation at the border between Greece and "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia";
- on Tuesday, 26 January 2016 at 2.00 p.m., as regards:
 - **The Mediterranean Sea: a front door to irregular migration** (Rapporteur: Ms Daphné Dumery, Belgium, NR): took position on 6 amendments tabled to the draft resolution;
 - **Organised crime and migrants** (Rapporteur: Mr Irakli Chikovani, Georgia, ALDE): took note that no amendment had been tabled to the draft resolution;
 - **A stronger European response to the Syrian refugees crisis** (Rapporteur: Ms Annette Groth, Germany, UEL): considered an introductory memorandum; authorised the rapporteur to carry out a fact-finding visit to Jordan and Lebanon (subject to the authorisation of the Bureau);

- **The humanitarian concerns with regard to captured people during the conflict in Ukraine** (Rapporteur: Ms Nellija Kleinberga, Latvia, ALDE): held an exchange of views with the participation of Mr Artem Khorunzhyy, formerly-captured soldier of the battalion “Donbas”, Mr Yuriy Tandit, official of the Security Service of Ukraine and Ms Maria Tomak, researcher, Centre for Civil Liberties, Kyiv, Ukraine; considered a preliminary draft report and agreed to amend the title, to read as follows: “The humanitarian concerns with regard to captured people during the war in Ukraine”; was informed of a statement made by the rapporteur on the detention of Ms Nadiya Savchenko, Ukrainian parliamentarian and member of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons of the PACE;
- **Composition of the Sub-Committees:** approved the list of members of the three Sub-Committees;
- **on Wednesday, 27 January 2016 at 2 p.m.**, as regards:
 - **Round Table on “The negative effects of immigration detention on children”:** held a Round Table organised in the framework of the Parliamentary Campaign “End immigration detention of children” moderated by Ms Doris Fiala (Switzerland, ALDE), General Rapporteur on “Ending immigration detention of children” with the participation of Ms Katy Robjant, Clinical Psychologist and Head of Therapies, Helen Bamber Foundation, United Kingdom and Mr Martin Vegter, Legal Advisor on children’s rights and migration, Defence for Children, The Netherlands;
 - **on Thursday, 28 January 2016 at 8.30 a.m.**, as regards:
 - **Visits of detention centres by parliamentarians:** held an exchange of views and heard a statement by Ms Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC) on the most recent such visit, which took place at Schiphol airport in May 2015; invited the members to consider the possibility of organising visits along the same lines in their respective countries;
 - **The impact of European population dynamics on migration policies** (Rapporteur: Ms Kristin Ørmen Johnsen, Norway, EPP/CD): considered an introductory memorandum and authorised the rapporteur to carry out a fact-finding visit to the Republic of Moldova and Germany; took note of her intention to organise a hearing on the topic in the framework of the Committee meeting during the next session;
 - **The humanitarian crisis in Gaza** (Rapporteur: Ms Eva-Lena Jansson, Sweden, SOC): heard a statement by the rapporteur and held an exchange of views;
 - **Follow-up to Resolution 2028 (2015) on “The humanitarian situation of Ukrainian refugees and displaced persons** (Rapporteur: Mr Jim Sheridan, United Kingdom, SOC): considered the replies of the Ukrainian authorities on the progress made in the implementation of the resolution; heard a statement by Mr Sergiy Vlasenko (Ukraine, EPP/CD); agreed to consider at the next meeting a draft motion for a resolution on the topic, to be tabled on behalf of the Committee;
 - **Follow-up to Resolution 2073 (2015) on “Countries of transit: meeting new migration and asylum challenges”** (Rapporteur: Ms Tineke Strik, Netherlands, SOC) and **“After Dublin – the urgent need for a real European asylum system”** (Rapporteur: Mr Michele Nicoletti, Italy, SOC): heard a statement by Ms Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC) further to the reply received from European Commissioner Avramopoulos to the Assembly in response to the Assembly’s resolutions;
 - **Follow-up to the Conference on “A comprehensive humanitarian and political response to the migration and refugee crisis in Europe” (Paris, 16 December 2015):** agreed to consider at the next meeting a draft motion for a resolution on the topic, to be tabled on behalf of the Committee;
 - **Priorities of the Committee for 2016:** considered and approved the priorities of the Committee for 2016;
 - **Free debate:** heard a statement by Ms Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC) on recent developments concerning possible reform of the Dublin Regulation;
 - **Other business:** took note of the call for candidatures for the Václav Havel Human Rights Prize 2016;

- **Representation of the Committee at various events:** Lab on “An EU fit for purpose?” organised by the Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS), 25-26 February 2016, Brussels, Belgium: appointed Ms Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC) at no cost to the Assembly;
- **Next meetings:**
 - **Tbilisi**, 21-22 March 2016
 - **Strasbourg**, during the 2nd part-session 2016 (18-22 April)
 - **Paris**, 3 June 2016
 - **Strasbourg**, during the 3rd part-session 2016 (20-24 June)
 - **Paris**, 22 September 2016
 - **Strasbourg**, during the 4th part-session 2016 (10-14 October)
 - **Paris**, 7 December 2016

The **Sub-Committee on Integration**, meeting in Strasbourg on 27 January 2016, with first Ms Sahiba Gafarova (Azerbaijan, EC), and then Ms Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of a Chairperson:** elected Ms Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC) by acclamation and decided to postpone the election of its Vice-Chairperson until the next meeting;
- **Future activities of the Sub-Committee:** held an exchange of views on a possible contribution of the Sub-Committee to the preparation of the report on “Integration of refugees in times of critical pressure: learning from recent experience and examples of best practice” (Rapporteur to be appointed) and the organisation of an event in a member State which has particular experience in this area;
- **Next meeting:** left it to its Chairperson to convene the next meeting;

The **Sub-Committee on Population**, meeting in Strasbourg on 27 January 2016, with first Ms Sahiba Gafarova (Azerbaijan, EC), and then Alexander [The Earl of] Dundee (United Kingdom, EC) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of a Chairperson:** elected Alexander [The Earl of] Dundee (United Kingdom, EC) by acclamation and decided to postpone the election of its Vice-Chairperson until the next meeting ;
- **Future activities of the Sub-Committee:** held an exchange of views on the possible organisation of a hearing related to the report on “The impact of European population dynamics on migration policies (Rapporteur: Ms Kristin Ørmen Johnsen, Norway, EPP/CD) and the report on “How to encourage the migration of international students across Europe” (Rapporteur to be appointed and subject to reference by the Assembly);
- **Next meeting:** left it to its Chairperson to convene the next meeting;

The **Sub-Committee on Co-operation with non-European countries of origin and transit**, meeting in Strasbourg on 27 January 2016, with first Ms Sahiba Gafarova (Azerbaijan, EC), and then Mr Andrea Rigoni (Italy, ALDE) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of a Chairperson:** elected Mr Andrea Rigoni (Italy, ALDE) by acclamation and decided to postpone the election of its Vice-Chairperson until the next meeting;
- **Future activities of the Sub-Committee:** held an exchange of views on the possibility of creating and implementing a Parliamentary Network on Diaspora policies;
- **Next meeting:** left it to its Chairperson to convene the next meeting.

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cc: Secretary General of the Assembly
Director General, Director and all staff of the Secretariat of the Assembly
Secretaries of National Delegations and of Political Groups of the Assembly
Secretaries of observer and partner for democracy delegations
Secretary General of the Congress
Secretary to the Committee of Ministers
Directors General
Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe
Director of the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights
Director of Communication
Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe

APPENDIX / ANNEXE**Composition of the Sub-Committees / Composition des sous-commissions****1. Sub-Committee on Integration / Sous-commission sur l'intégration**
29 seats / sièges**Chairperson / Présidente:**

1. NETHERLANDS / PAYS-BAS Ms Tineke STRIK (SOC)

Vice-Chairperson / Vice-Président(e)

COUNTRY / PAYS	MEMBER / MEMBRE	ALTERNATE / REMPLACANT
2. ANDORRA / ANDORRE	Ms Judith PALLARÉS (ALDE)	
3. ARMENIA / ARMENIE	Ms Naira ZOHRABYAN (EC)	
4. ARMENIA / ARMENIE	Ms Naira KARAPETYAN (EPP/CD)	
5. BELGIUM / BELGIQUE	Ms Petra De SUTTER (SOC)	Ms Daphné DUMERY (NR)
6. CYPRUS / CHYPRE	Ms Athina KYRIAKIDOU (SOC)	Ms Stella KYRIAKIDES (EPP/CD)
7. FINLAND / FINLANDE	Ms Susanna HUOVINEN (SOC)	
8. FRANCE	Mme Marietta KARAMANLI (SOC)	M. Denis JACQUAT (PPE/DC)
9. FRANCE	M. René ROUQUET (SOC)	
10. FRANCE	M. Thierry MARIANI (PPE/DC)	
11. GEORGIA / GÉORGIE	Mr Irakli CHIKOVANI (ALDE)	
12. GREECE / GRÈCE	Ms Vasiliki KATRIVANOU (UEL)	Ms Liana KANELLI (UEL)
13. ITALY / ITALIE	Mr Manlio DI STEFANO (NR)	Mr Luis Alberto ORELLANA (ALDE)
14. LITHUANIA / LITUANIE	Mr Egidijus VAREIKIS (EPP/CD)	
15. NETHERLANDS / PAYS-BAS	Mr Gidi MARKUSZOWER (NR)	
16. POLAND / POLOGNE	Mr Killion MUNYAMA (EPP/CD)	
17. ROMANIA / ROUMANIE	Mr Ionuț-Marian STROE (EPP/CD)	Ms Ana BIRCHALL (SOC)
18. SWITZERLAND / SUISSE	Mr Roland Rino BÜCHEL (ALDE)	Ms Doris FIALA (ALDE)
19. TURKEY / TURQUIE	Mr Utku ÇAKIRÖZER (NR)	
20. UKRAINE	Mr Serhiy LABAZIUK (SOC)	
21. UKRAINE	Mr Sergiy VLASENKO (EPP/CD)	
22. UNITED KINGDOM / ROYAUME-UNI	Mr Khalid MAHMOOD (SOC)	
23. UNITED KINGDOM / ROYAUME-UNI	Mr Paul SCULLY (EC)	Mr Mark PRITCHARD (EC)
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Ex-officio: Ms Sahiba GAFAROVA, Azerbaijan, EC, Chairperson of the Committee / Présidente de la Commission

2. Sub-Committee on Population / Sous-commission sur la population

29 seats / sièges

Chairperson / Président:

1. UNITED KINGDOM / ROYAUME-UNI Alexander [The Earl of] DUNDEE (EC)

Vice-Chairperson / Vice-Président(e)

COUNTRY / PAYS	MEMBER / MEMBRE	ALTERNATE / REMPLACANT
2. ARMENIA / ARMENIE	Ms Naira ZOHRABYAN (EC)	
3. ARMENIA / ARMENIE	Ms Naira KARAPETYAN (EPP/CD)	
4. AUSTRIA / AUTRICHE	Mr Eduard KÖCH (EPP/CD)	
5. BELGIUM / BELGIQUE	Ms Daphné DUMERY (NR)	Ms Kristien Van VAERENBERGH (NR)
6. FINLAND / FINLANDE	Ms Susanna HUOVINEN (SOC)	
7. FRANCE	M. Bernard FOURNIER (PPE/DC)	
8. FRANCE	M. René ROUQUET (SOC)	
9. GREECE / GRÈCE	Ms Liana KANELLI (UEL)	Ms Vasiliki KATRIVANOU (UEL)
10. IRELAND / IRLANDE	Ms Olivia MITCHELL (EPP/CD)	
11. ITALY / ITALIE	Mr Francesco VERDUCCI (SOC)	Mr Vanino CHITI (SOC)
12. MONTENEGRO / MONTÉNÉGRÓ	Mr Predrag SEKULIĆ (SOC)	
13. ROMANIA / ROUMANIE	Mr Florin Costin PÂSLARU (SOC)	Mr Mihai-Viorel FIFOR (SOC)
14. SWITZERLAND / SUISSE	Ms Doris FIALA (ALDE)	M. Pierre-Alain FRIDEZ (SOC)
15. TURKEY / TURQUIE	Mr Ibrahim Mustafa TURHAN (NR)	
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**3. Sub-Committee on Co-operation with non-European countries of origin and transit /
Sous-commission sur la coopération avec les pays d'origine et de transit non
européens**
29 seats / sièges

Chairperson / Président:

1. ITALY / ITALIE Mr Andrea RIGONI (ALDE)

Vice-Chairperson / Vice-Président(e)

COUNTRY / PAYS	MEMBER / MEMBRE	ALTERNATE / REMPLACANT
2. ANDORRA / ANDORRE	Ms Judith PALLARÉS (ALDE)	
3. AZERBAIJAN / AZERBAÏDJAN	Mr Rafael HUSEYNOV (ALDE)	
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5. Bosnia and Herzegovina / Bosnie-Herzégovine	Ms Milica MARKOVIĆ	
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7. CZECH REPUBLIC / RÉPUBLIQUE TCHÈQUE	Ms Ivana DOBEŠOVÁ (ALDE)	
8. FINLAND / FINLANDE	M. Tom PACKALÉN (EC)	
9. FRANCE	Mme Marietta KARAMANLI (SOC)	M. Denis JACQUAT (PPE/DC)
10. FRANCE	M. Bernard FOURNIER (PPE/DC)	
11. FRANCE	M. Thierry MARIANI (PPE/DC)	
12. GERMANY / ALLEMAGNE	Ms Luise AMTSBERG (SOC)	
13. GREECE / GRÈCE	Ms A. CHRISTODOULOPOULOU (UEL)	Mr E. VENIZELOS (SOC)
14. IRELAND / IRLANDE	Ms Olivia MITCHELL (EPP/CD)	
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