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

Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 20, 21, 22 and 23 June 2016

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, meeting in Strasbourg, with Ms Sahiba Gafarova (Azerbaijan, EC) in the Chair,

- on Monday, 20 June 2016 at 2.00 p.m., as regards:
 - **Refugees at risk in Greece** (Rapporteur: Ms Tineke Strik, Netherlands, SOC): approved a draft addendum to the report and considered and adopted 12 amendments to the draft resolution presented by the rapporteur, to be tabled on behalf of the Committee;
 - **Declaration on the occasion of World Refugee Day (20 June)**: adopted a declaration presented by the Chairperson on behalf of the Committee;
 - **Follow-up to Resolution 2112 (2016) on “The humanitarian concerns with regard to people captured during the war in Ukraine”** (Rapporteur: Ms Nellija Kleinberga, Latvia, ALDE): heard a statement by the rapporteur and held an exchange of views with the participation of Ms Nadiia Savchenko (Ukraine, EPP/CD);
- on Tuesday, 21 June 2016 at 8.30 a.m., as regards:
 - **Refugees at risk in Greece** (Rapporteur: Ms Tineke Strik, Netherlands, SOC): took position on the amendments tabled to the draft resolution and on an oral sub-amendment proposed by the Rapporteur;
 - **A comprehensive humanitarian and political response to the migration and refugee crisis in Europe** (Rapporteur: Mr Duarte Marques, Portugal, EPP/CD): considered an introductory memorandum and authorised the rapporteur to carry out a fact-finding visit to Poland and Sweden;
 - **The impact of European population dynamics on migration policies** (Rapporteur: Ms Kristin Ørmen Johnsen, Norway, EPP/CD): heard a statement by the rapporteur on her fact-finding visit to Berlin (31 May 2016);
 - **Parliamentary Campaign to end immigration detention of children**: heard a statement by Ms Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC) on the Seminar on “Alternatives to the immigration detention of children from a legal, practical and implementation perspective” (The Hague, Netherlands, 19 May 2016) and heard a statement by Ms Doris Fiala (Switzerland, ALDE), General Rapporteur on Ending immigration detention of children, on the Seminar on “Promoting alternatives to the immigration detention of children in Switzerland” (Bern, Switzerland, 16 June 2016);

- **Recommendation 2078 (2015) on “Countries of transit: meeting new migration and asylum challenges” (Rapporteur: Ms Tineke Strik, Netherlands, SOC):** heard a statement by the rapporteur and agreed to ask the Committee of Ministers for additional information on its reply to Recommendation 2078 (2015);
- **Other business:**
 - ✓ Agreed to hold a meeting in Baku in 2017, subject to the authorisation of the Bureau;
 - ✓ **Addressing the humanitarian needs of internally displaced persons: recent lessons and future challenges in Europe:** following Mr Irakli Chikovani’s (Georgia, ALDE) appointment on 3 June 2016, heard from him a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
- **World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, Council of Europe, 7-9 November 2016):** proposed that the following members be appointed to the ad hoc Committee of the Bureau: Mr Duarte Marques (Portugal, EPP/CD) and Ms Nadiia Savchenko (Ukraine, EPP/CD);
- **on Wednesday, 22 June 2016 at 2.00 p.m., as regards:**
 - **Joint hearing with the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination:** held a hearing on “Discrimination and violence against women refugees” with the participation of Ms Mina Jaf, women refugees rights activist, Mr Arne Treves, protection officer, Bureau of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for Europe (UNHCR), Geneva, Dr Richard Matis, Vice-Chair of Gynecology without Borders, France and a testimony from Ms Baldé, refugee;
- **on Thursday, 23 June 2016 at 2.00 p.m., as regards:**
 - **Other business:**
 - ✓ **Integration of refugees in times of critical pressure: learning from recent experience and examples of best practices:** following Ms Susanna Huovinen’s (Finland, SOC) appointment on 21 April 2016, heard from her a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
 - **Violence against migrants** (Rapporteur: Mr Andrea Rigoni, Italy, ALDE): took position on the amendments tabled to the draft resolution;
 - **Meeting of the Sub-Committee on Integration (Strasbourg, 21 June 2016):** agreed to hold a meeting of the Sub-Committee on Integration in Berlin on 15 December 2016, subject to receiving an invitation and the authorisation of the Bureau;
 - **Representation of the Committee at various events:**

City of Solidarity Forum organised by the UNHCR, 20 July 2016, Mariupol, Ukraine: appointed Mr Egidijus Vareikis (Lithuania, EPP/CD), subject to the availability of financial resources of the Assembly;
- **Composition of the Sub-Committees:** approved the following changes:
 - Sub-Committee on Integration**
 - Ms Christiana Erotokritou (Cyprus, SOC) to become a titular member
 - Mr Georgios Psychogios (Greece, UEL) to become a titular member
 - Sub-Committee on Population**
 - Mr Georgios Psychogios (Greece, UEL) to become an alternate member
 - Sub-Committee on Co-operation with non-European countries of origin and transit**
 - Ms Christiana Erotokritou (Cyprus, SOC) to become a titular member

– **Next meetings:**

- **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 21 June 2016, with **Ms Tineke Strik** (Netherlands, SOC) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Future activities of the Sub-Committee:** agreed to hold a meeting in Berlin, subject to receipt of the official invitation and the authorisation of the Bureau;
- **Next meeting:** Berlin, 15 December 2016, subject to the authorisation of the Bureau;

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