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

### Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris on 22 September 2016

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

- **Harmonising the protection of unaccompanied minors in Europe** (Rapporteur: Mr Manlio Di Stefano, Italy, NR): held an exchange of views with Mr Brian Donald, Head of the Cabinet of the Director, Europol, approved a draft report and adopted unanimously a draft resolution as amended;
- **The impact of European population dynamics on migration policies** (Rapporteur: Ms Kristin Ørmen Johnsen, Norway, EPP/CD): approved a draft report and adopted unanimously a draft resolution as amended;
- **The humanitarian crisis in Gaza** (Rapporteur: Ms Eva-Lena Jansson, Sweden, SOC): considered a preliminary draft report;
- **Migration as an opportunity for European development** (Rapporteur: Mr Andrea Rigoni, Italy, ALDE): considered an introductory memorandum and authorised the rapporteur to carry out fact-finding visits to Luxembourg and the United Kingdom;
- **Humanitarian consequences of the conflict in Ukraine** (Rapporteur: Mr Egidijus Vareikis, Lithuania, EPP/CD): considered an introductory memorandum, decided to change the title of the report to “Humanitarian consequences of the war in Ukraine” and authorised the rapporteur to carry out fact-finding visits to Poland, Ukraine and the Russian Federation;
- **Follow-up to Resolution 2088 (2016) on “The Mediterranean Sea: a front door to irregular migration”** (Rapporteur: Ms Daphné Dumery, Belgium, NR): decided to postpone the consideration of the item until the next meeting;
- **Parliamentary Campaign to end immigration detention of children**: heard a communication by the Chairperson of the Committee on the future Seminar on “Age assessment of unaccompanied asylum-seeking and refugee children in Europe” (Strasbourg, 12 October 2016);
- **Meeting of the Sub-Committee on Co-operation with non-European countries of origin and transit (Paris, 22 September 2016)**: decided to postpone the consideration of the item until the next meeting;
- **Meeting of the Sub-Committee on Integration (Berlin, 15 December 2016)**: heard a communication by the Chairperson of the Plenary Committee on the future meeting of the Sub-Committee, subject to the authorisation of the Bureau;

- **Sub-Committees in 2017:** invited the members to acquaint themselves with the Memorandum prepared by the Secretariat and decided to come back to the question at the next meeting;
- **Training for parliamentarians and visit of a detention centre in Vienna (15-16 November 2016):** heard a communication by the Chairperson of the Committee and invited interested parliamentarians to register with the Secretariat;
- **World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, Council of Europe, 7-9 November 2016):** proposed that Ms Judith Pallarés (Andorra, ALDE) be appointed to the Ad Hoc Committee of the Bureau;
- **Representation of the Committee at various events:**

1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee for the rights of the Child (CAHENF) organised by the Council of Europe, 28-29 September 2016, Strasbourg: appointed Ms Doris Fiala (Switzerland, ALDE), subject to the availability of financial resources of the Assembly;

Conference on Major Hazards and Migrants, Asylum Seekers and Refugees organised by the European and Mediterranean Major Hazards Agreement of the Council of Europe, 14 October 2016, Lisbon: appointed Mr Duarte Marques (Portugal, EPP/CD), at no cost to the Assembly;

Crans Montana Forum on “Homeland and Global Security Forum”, 19-21 October 2016, Brussels: appointed Mr Andrea Rigoni (Italy, ALDE), at no cost to the Assembly;

Conference on “Children’s rights in the Migration crisis and in the Digital Environment”, organised by the Estonian Institute of Human Rights in the framework of the Chairmanship of Estonia of the Council of Europe, 3-4 November 2016, Tallinn: appointed Mr Manlio Di Stefano (Italy, NR), subject to the availability of financial resources of the Assembly;

Council of Europe Conference of OINGs: “The treatment of migrants, refugees and NGOs defending their rights: from findings to action”, 24 June 2016, Council of Europe, Strasbourg: heard a statement by Ms Sahiba Gafarova (Azerbaijan, EC);

Crans Montana Forum under the High Patronage of Mr Heinz Fischer, Federal President of the Republic of Austria, 29 June-2 July 2016, Vienna: heard a statement by Mr Andrea Rigoni (Italy, ALDE);

City of Solidarity Forum organised by the UNHCR, 20 July 2016, Mariupol, Ukraine: heard a statement by Mr Egidijus Vareikis (Lithuania, EPP/CD);

- **Composition of the Sub-Committees:** approved the following change:

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

- Mr Domagoj Hajduković (Croatia, SOC) to become a titular member

- **Next meetings:**

- **Strasbourg**, during the 4th part-session 2016 (10-14 October)
- **Paris**, 7 December 2016

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The **Sub-Committee on Co-operation with non-European countries of origin and transit**, meeting in Paris on 22 September 2016, with **Mr Andrea Rigoni** (Italy, ALDE) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Future activities of the Sub-Committee:** agreed to hold a meeting of the Sub-Committee in Lisbon on 24-25 November 2016, in the framework of the Lisbon Forum organised by the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe, subject to the approval of the Plenary Committee and the authorisation of the Bureau;
- **Next meeting:** Lisbon, 24-25 November 2016, subject to the authorisation of the Bureau;

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