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

Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 11, 12 and 13 October 2016

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

- on Tuesday, 11 October 2016 at 2.00 p.m., as regards:
 - ***The impact of European population dynamics on migration policies*** (Rapporteur: Ms Kristin Ørmen Johnsen, Norway, EPP/CD): in the absence of the rapporteur, considered and approved an addendum to the report and considered and adopted one amendment proposed by the rapporteur on behalf of the Committee;
 - ***Possible ways to improve the emergency refugee situations funding*** (Rapporteur: Mr Cezar Florin Preda, Romania, EPP/CD): held an exchange of views with Mr Rolf Wenzel, Governor of the Council of Europe Development Bank and agreed to propose to the Bureau to invite Mr Filippo Grandi, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, to address the Assembly during the debate on the report;
 - ***Integration of refugees in times of critical pressure: learning from recent experience and examples of best practice*** (Rapporteur: Ms Susanna Huovinen, Finland, SOC): considered an introductory memorandum and authorised the rapporteur to carry out a fact-finding visit to Germany;
 - ***Meeting of the Sub-Committee on Co-operation with non-European countries of origin and transit (Paris, 22 September 2016)***: heard a statement by Mr Andrea Rigoni (Italy, ALDE), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee and held an exchange of views with Mr Jean-Marie Heydt, President of the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe on the next meeting of the Sub-Committee in Lisbon (24-25 November 2016) in the framework of the Lisbon Forum;
 - ***Meeting of the Sub-Committee on Integration (Berlin, 15 December 2016)***: heard a communication by Ms Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on the next meeting;
 - ***Training for parliamentarians in Vienna and visit of a detention centre in Vordernberg, Austria (15-16 November 2016)***: heard a communication by the Chairperson of the Committee;

- on **Wednesday, 12 October 2016 2.00 p.m.**, as regards:
 - **Promotion of child-friendly age assessment practices for unaccompanied minors:** considered and adopted a draft motion for a resolution on the above-mentioned topic, to be tabled on behalf of the Committee;
 - **Round table on “Age assessment of unaccompanied asylum-seeking and refugee children in Europe” in the framework of the Parliamentary Campaign to end immigration detention of children:** held an exchange of views with the participation of Ms Doris Fiala (Switzerland, ALDE), General Rapporteur of the Parliamentary Campaign “End immigration detention of children”; Ms Carmela Bühler, Deputy Head of Section, Human Security Division, Federal Department for Foreign Affairs, Swiss Confederation; Ms Denise Graf, Asylum Coordinator, Amnesty International, Switzerland; Mr Serge Lipski, Doctor, Médecins du monde, international network and Mr Philip Ishola, Chair, Age Assessment Strategic Oversight Group, ADCS, United Kingdom;
- on **Thursday, 13 October 2016 at 2.00 p.m.**, as regards:
 - **Harmonising the protection of unaccompanied minors in Europe** (Rapporteur: Mr Manlio Di Stefano, Italy, NR): took position on the amendments tabled to the draft resolution;

With Mr Zsolt Csenger-Zalán (Hungary, EPP/CD), 1st Vice-chair, in the Chair,

- **The impact of European population dynamics on migration policies** (Rapporteur: Ms Kristin Ørmen Johnsen, Norway, EPP/CD): took position on the amendments tabled to the draft resolution;
- **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;
- **How to encourage the migration of international students across Europe** (Rapporteur: Alexander [The Earl of] Dundee, United Kingdom, EC): considered an introductory memorandum;
- **World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, Council of Europe, 7-9 November 2016):** proposed that Mr Florin Costin Pâslaru (Romania, SOC) be appointed to the Ad Hoc Committee of the Bureau;
- **Sub-committees in 2017:** agreed to return to the issue at its next meeting;
- **Representation of the Committee at various events:**
 - Meeting on “end childhood statelessness in Europe” organised by the European Network on Statelessness (ENS) and the European Parliament, 22 November 2016, Strasbourg: appointed Mr Manlio Di Stefano, (Italy, NR), subject to the availability of financial resources of the Assembly;
 - ICAPP Special Conference on “Migration and Refugees”, 4-6 November 2016, Istanbul, Turkey: appointed Ms Sahiba Gafarova (Azerbaijan, EC), at no cost to the Assembly;
- **Composition of the Sub-Committees:** approved the following changes:
 - Sub-Committee on Integration**
 - Mr Orhan Miroglu (Turkey, EC) to become a titular member
 - Ms Milica Marković (Bosnia and Herzegovina, SOC) to become a titular member
 - Sub-Committee on Population**
 - Mr Cemalettin Kari Torun (Turkey, EC) to become a titular member
 - Sub-Committee on Co-operation with non-European countries of origin and transit**
 - Mr Cemalettin Kari Torun (Turkey, EC) to become a titular member
 - Mr Miltiadis Varvitsiotis (Greece, EPP/CD) to become an alternate member of Ms Christodouloupoulou
 - Mr Jovan Jovanović (Serbia, ALDE) to become a titular member

– **Next meetings:**

- **Lisbon**, 24-25 November 2016 (Sub-Committee on Co-operation with non-European countries of origin and transit)
- **Paris**, 7 December 2016
- **Berlin**, 15 December 2016 (Sub-Committee on Integration)

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