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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, 25 and 26 January 2017

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, meeting in Strasbourg, with first Lord David Wilson (United Kingdom, NR), oldest member present, and then Ms Sahiba Gafarova (Azerbaijan, EC) in the Chair,

- on Monday, 23 January 2017 at 2.40 p.m., as regards:
 - **Election of the Bureau of the Committee:** re-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;
 - **Debate under urgent procedure:** following the ratification by the Assembly and the referral to the Committee of the request to hold a debate under urgent procedure on “The need to reform European migration policies”, appointed Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger (United Kingdom, EC) as rapporteur and heard from him a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
- on Tuesday, 24 January 2017 at 8.30 a.m., as regards:
 - **Constitution of Sub-Committees:** reconstituted the Sub-Committee on Integration and the Sub-Committee on Cooperation with non-European countries of origin and transit, and constituted the Sub-Committee on Refugee and Migrant Children and Young People;
 - **Detention of migrants: current intergovernmental work and follow-up to Recommendation 1900 (2010) of the Assembly on “Detention of asylum seekers and irregular migrants in Europe”:** held a hearing with the participation of Mr Hindpal Singh Bhui, Inspection Team Leader, HM Inspectorate of Prisons, London, Mr Jean-Sébastien Blanc, Detention Advisor, Association for the Prevention of Torture (APT) and Mr Christos Giakoumopoulos, Director, Directorate of Human Rights (DG I);
- on Tuesday, 24 January 2017 at 2.00 p.m., as regards:
 - **The need to reform European migration policies** (Rapporteur: Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, United Kingdom, EC): considered and approved a draft report and adopted a draft resolution as amended;
 - **The humanitarian crisis in Gaza** (Rapporteur: Ms Eva-Lena Jansson, Sweden, SOC): took position on the amendments tabled to the draft resolution;

- **Appointments of rapporteurs for reports:**
 - Human rights implications of the European response to transit migration across the Mediterranean:** appointed Mr Miltiadis Varvitsiotis (Greece, EPP/CD) and heard from him a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
 - Promotion of child-friendly age assessment practices for unaccompanied minors:** appointed Ms Doris Fiala (Switzerland, ALDE) and heard from her a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
- **Follow-up to Resolution 2108 (2016) on “Human rights of refugees and migrants – the situation in the Western Balkans”** (Rapporteur: Ms Tineke Strik, Netherlands, SOC): heard a statement by the rapporteur; was informed of the letter from the Chairperson of the Slovenian delegation to PACE; held an exchange of views on the proposed amendments to the Slovenian asylum law and agreed to send a letter to the Slovenian delegation to PACE asking for further information on the matter;
- **Follow-up to the proposal of the PACE President to hold a major debate devoted to the migration issue and the management of the current refugee crisis:** heard a communication by the Chairperson of the Committee;
- **on Wednesday, 25 January 2017 at 2.00 p.m., as regards:**
 - **Parliamentary Campaign to end immigration detention of children:** heard a statement by Ms Doris Fiala (Switzerland, ALDE), General Rapporteur; held an exchange of views with Ms Regina Jensdottir, Head of the Children’s Rights Division, Council of Europe Children’s Rights Coordinator, and took note of the invitation to members to participate in the pilot training for parliamentarians on visiting/monitoring places where children are deprived of liberty as a result of migrations, scheduled for the 10-11 April 2017 (venue to be confirmed);
 - **Joint meeting of the Sub-Committee on Co-operation with non-European countries of origin and transit and the Sub-Committee on Integration (Lisbon, 11-12 September 2017):** following an invitation by the Chairperson of the Portuguese Delegation, agreed to the organisation of a joint meeting of the two above-mentioned Sub-Committees in the framework of the launching of the Parliamentary Network on Diaspora Policies in Lisbon on 11-12 September, subject to the authorisation of the Bureau of the Assembly;
 - **Migration as an opportunity for European development** (Rapporteur: Mr Andrea Rigoni, Italy, ALDE): heard a statement by the rapporteur on his fact-finding visits to Luxembourg (20-21 December 2016) and the United Kingdom (11-12 January 2017), and held a hearing with the participation of Ms Lorraine Cook, Policy Manager, Migration, Population and Diversity Team, Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA), Edinburgh, Ms Nawel Rafik-Elmrini, Deputy-Mayor of Strasbourg in charge of European and International relations and Human Rights, and Mr Farès Nahlawi and Ms Rima Zerez, Syrian refugees;
 - **Report of the fact-finding mission on the situation of migrants and refugees in Calais and Grande-Synthe, France (12-13 and 21-23 September 2016) by Ambassador Tomáš Boček, Special Representative of the Secretary General on migration and refugees:** decided to postpone this item until one of the forthcoming meetings;
 - **Exchange of views with the Delegation of Jordan enjoying the status of PACE Partner for democracy:** held an exchange of views with Mr Kais Zayadin and Mr Khaled Albakkar on the situation of refugees in Jordan;
 - **Integration of refugees in times of critical pressure: learning from recent experience and examples of best practice** (Rapporteur: Ms Susanna Huovinen, Finland, SOC): heard a statement by the rapporteur on her fact-finding visit to Berlin (14 December 2016);
- **on Thursday, 26 January 2017 at 8.30 a.m., as regards:**
 - **Meeting of the Sub-Committee on Integration (Berlin, 15 December 2016):** heard a statement by Ms Annette Groth (Germany, UEL), member of the Sub-Committee;

- **Composition of the Sub-Committees:** approved the list of members of the three Sub-Committees;
- **The need to reform European migration policies** (Rapporteur: Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, United Kingdom, EC): took position on the amendments tabled to the draft resolution;
- **A comprehensive humanitarian and political response to the migration and refugee crisis in Europe** (Rapporteur: Mr Duarte Marques, Portugal, EPP/CD): heard a statement by the rapporteur and held an exchange of views with Ms Lisa Matos, Researcher, William James Centre for Research - ISPA;
- **Recent developments in the migratory flows between Morocco and Spain:** held an exchange of views with Mr José Ramón García Hernández (Spain, EPP/CD) and Mr Abdesselam Lebbar, member of the Moroccan Delegation with the status of Partner for Democracy with the PACE;
- **Appointment of a rapporteur for opinion:**
 - Migration from a gender perspective: Empowering women as key actors for integration:** decided to postpone the appointment of a rapporteur until the next meeting;
- **Next meetings:**
 - **Baku**, 15-16 March 2017
 - **Strasbourg**, during the 2nd part-session 2017 (24-28 April)
 - **Paris**, 2 June 2017
 - **Strasbourg**, during the 3rd part-session 2017 (26-30 June)
 - **Paris**, 20 September 2017
 - **Strasbourg**, during the 4th part-session 2017 (9-13 October)
 - **Paris**, 8 December 2017

The Sub-Committee on Co-operation with non-European countries of origin and transit, meeting in Strasbourg on 26 January 2017, with first Ms Sahiba Gafarova (Azerbaijan, EC), and then Mr Andrea Rigoni (Italy, ALDE) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of a Chairperson:** re-elected Mr Andrea Rigoni (Italy, ALDE) by acclamation;
- **Election of a Vice-Chairperson:** elected Mr Egidijus Vareikis (Lithuania, EPP/CD) by acclamation;
- **Future activities of the Sub-Committee:** following an invitation by the Chairperson of the PACE Delegation of Portugal to hold a meeting of the Sub-Committee jointly with the Sub-Committee on Integration in the framework of the launching of the Parliamentary network on diaspora policies, decided to hold this meeting in Lisbon on 11-12 September, subject to the authorisation of the Bureau of the Assembly;
- **Next meeting:** left it to its Chairperson to convene the next meeting.

Agnieszka Nachilo, Penelope Denu, Olga Kostenko, David Milner

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***27 seats / sièges***Chairperson / Présidente:****Vice-Chairperson / Vice-Présidente**

COUNTRY / PAYS	MEMBER / MEMBRE	ALTERNATE / REMPLACANT
1. ANDORRA / ANDORRE	Ms Judith PALLARÉS (ALDE)	
2. ARMENIA / ARMENIE	Ms Naira ZOHRABYAN (EC)	
3. BELGIUM / BELGIQUE	Ms Petra De SUTTER (SOC)	Ms Daphné DUMERY (NR)
4. FINLAND / FINLANDE	Ms Susanna HUOVINEN (SOC)	
5. FRANCE	Mme Marietta KARAMANLI (SOC)	M. Denis JACQUAT (PPE/DC)
6. FRANCE	M. Thierry MARIANI (PPE/DC)	
7. GEORGIA / GÉORGIE	Mr Zviad KVATCHANTIRADZE (SOC)	
8. GERMANY / ALLEMAGNE	Ms Annette GROTH (UEL)	
9. GREECE / GRÈCE	Mr Georgios PSYCHOGIOS (UEL)	Ms Liana KANELLI (UEL)
10. IRELAND / IRLANDE	Mr Seán CROWE (UEL)	
11. ITALY / ITALIE	Mr Andrea RIGONI (ALDE)	Mr Luis Alberto ORELLANA (ALDE)
12. LUXEMBOURG	Ms Martine MERGEN (EPP/CD)	
13. LITHUANIA / LITUANIE	Mr Simonas GENTVILAS (ALDE)	
14. NETHERLANDS / PAYS-BAS	Ms Tineke STRIK (SOC)	
15. ROMANIA / ROUMANIE	Mr Ionuț-Marian STROE (EPP/CD)	Ms Ana BIRCHALL (SOC)
16. SWITZERLAND / SUISSE	Mr Roland Rino BÜCHEL (ALDE)	Ms Doris FIALA (ALDE)
17. TURKEY / TURQUIE	Ms Serap YAŞAR (EC)	
18. TURKEY / TURQUIE	Mr Orhan MIROĞLU (EC)	
19. UKRAINE	Mr Serhiy LABAZIUK (SOC)	
20. UKRAINE	Mr Sergiy VLASENKO (EPP/CD)	
21. UNITED KINGDOM / ROYAUME-UNI	Mr Paul SCULLY (EC)	Mr Nigel EVANS (EC)
22. UNITED KINGDOM / ROYAUME-UNI	Mr David CRAUSBY (SOC)	Mr Ian MURRAY
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2. Sub-Committee on Refugee and Migrant Children and Young People / Sous-commission sur les enfants et les jeunes réfugiés et migrants
27 seats / sièges

Chairperson / Président:

Vice-Chairperson / Vice-Présidente

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1. ARMENIA / ARMENIE	Ms Naira ZHRABYAN (EC)	
2. AUSTRIA / AUTRICHE	Ms Alev KORUN (SOC)	
3. BELGIUM / BELGIQUE	Ms Daphné DUMERY (NR)	Ms Kristien Van VAERENBERGH (NR)
4. BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA BOSNIE-HERZÉGOVINE	Ms Milica MARKOVIĆ (SOC)	
5. FINLAND / FINLANDE	Ms Susanna HUOVINEN (SOC)	
6. FRANCE	M. Bernard FOURNIER (PPE/DC)	
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9. ITALY / ITALIE	Mr Francesco VERDUCCI (SOC)	Mr Vanino CHITI (SOC)
10. ITALY / ITALIE	Mr Manlio DI STEFANO (NR)	
11. LITHUANIA / LITUANIE	Mr Simonas GENTVILAS (ALDE)	
12. ROMANIA / ROUMANIE	Ms Ana BIRCHALL (SOC)	
13. SPAIN / ESPAGNE	Mr Jokin BILDARRATZ (ALDE)	
14. SWITZERLAND / SUISSE	Ms Doris FIALA (ALDE)	M. Pierre-Alain FRIDEZ (SOC)
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16. TURKEY / TURQUIE	Mr Erkan KANDEMİR (EC)	
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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

27 seats / sièges

Chairperson / Président:

1. Italy / Italie Mr Andrea RIGONI (ALDE)

Vice-Chairperson / Vice-Président

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6. Denmark / Danemark	Ms Ulla SANDBÆK (UEL)	
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