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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 June 2017

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

- on Monday, 26 June 2017 at 2.00 p.m., as regards:
  - **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 considered an information memorandum on his fact-finding visit to Hungary (15-16 May 2017);
  - **Round table on “European alternative solutions to immigration detention of children” in the framework of the Parliamentary Campaign to End Immigration Detention of Children**: heard a statement by Ms Doris Fiala (Switzerland, ALDE), General Rapporteur on Ending Immigration Detention of Children and held a round table with the participation of Ms Pinar Aksu, formerly detained migrant child, United Kingdom, Ms Margaret Tuite, Coordinator for the rights of the child, European Commission (via Skype), Ms Lilja Gretarsdottir, Deputy Head of Division, Co-operation with International Institutions and Civil Society, Council of Europe and Ms Leeanne Torpey, Campaign Coordinator, International Detention Coalition;
  - **Promotion of child-friendly age assessment practices for unaccompanied minors** (Rapporteur: Ms Doris Fiala, Switzerland, ALDE): heard a statement by the rapporteur and considered a preliminary draft report; agreed to change the title of the report as follows: “Child-friendly age assessment for unaccompanied migrant children”;
- on Tuesday, 27 June 2017 at 2.00 p.m., as regards:
  - **A comprehensive humanitarian and political response to the migration and refugee crisis in Europe** (Rapporteur: Mr Duarte Marques, Portugal, EPP/CD): took position on 12 amendments tabled to the draft resolution;
  - **Human rights implications of the European response to transit migration across the Mediterranean** (Rapporteur: Mr Miltiadis Varvitsiotis, Greece, EPP/CD): took position on 29 amendments tabled to the draft resolution;
  - **Living Library**: heard a presentation by Ms Antje Rothmund, Head of the Youth Department, Council of Europe;

- on **Wednesday, 28 June 2017 at 2.00 p.m.**, as regards:
  - **Statement by Mr Morgan Johansson, Minister for Justice and Migration of Sweden:** heard a statement by the Minister;
  - **Migration as an opportunity for European development** (Rapporteur: Mr Andrea Rigoni, Italy, ALDE): took position on 9 amendments tabled to the draft resolution;
  - **Integration of refugees in times of critical pressure: learning from recent experience and examples of best practices** (Rapporteur: Ms Susanna Huovinen, Finland, SOC): took position on 27 amendments tabled to the draft resolution;
  - **European rules on the administrative detention of migrants:** held a hearing with the participation of Mr Massimo Frigo, Legal Adviser, International Commission of Jurists, Geneva and Mr Christos Giakoumopoulos, Director, Directorate of Human Rights, Council of Europe; invited Ms Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC) to prepare an information memorandum on the subject;
  - **Addressing the humanitarian needs of internally displaced persons: recent lessons and future challenges in Europe** (Rapporteur: Mr Killion Munyama, Poland, EPP/CD): postponed the item to the next meeting;
  - **How to encourage the migration of international students across Europe** (Rapporteur: Alexander [The Earl of] Dundee, United Kingdom, EC): postponed the item to the next meeting;
  - **Recommendation 2090 (2016) on “The humanitarian concerns with regard to people captured during the war in Ukraine” (rapporteur: Ms Nellija Kleinberga, Latvia, ALDE):** postponed the consideration of the reply by the Committee of Ministers on the recommendation to the next meeting;
  - **Joint meeting of the Sub-Committee on Co-operation with non-European countries of origin and transit and the Sub-Committee on Integration (Lisbon, 7-8 September 2017):** postponed the item to the next meeting;
  - **World Forum for Democracy on “Is populism a problem?”** (Strasbourg, 8-10 November 2017): postponed the item to the next meeting;
  - **Appointment of a General Rapporteur on Conditions of Reception of Refugees and Migrants:** postponed the item to the next meeting;
  - **Representation of the Committee at various events:**
    - Conference on “Protecting Stateless Persons from Arbitrary Detention” organised by the European Network on Statelessness (ENS), European Youth Centre, Budapest, 4-5 May 2017: postponed the statement to the next meeting;
    - Seminar for National Associations of Local and Regional authorities on the Pact of Towns and Regions to stop sexual violence against children, and on refugee children and non-accompanied minors organised by the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, Belgrade, 13 June 2017: postponed the statement to the next meeting;
    - Hearing organised by the Committee of Experts on Administrative Detention of Migrants of the Council of Europe (CJ-DAM), Strasbourg, 21-22 June 2017: heard a statement by Ms Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC);

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

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

- Mr David Bakradze (Georgia, EPP/CD) to become an alternate member of Mr Zviad Kvatchantiradze (Georgia, SOC)

- **Next meetings:**

**Plenary:**

- **Paris**, 20 September 2017
- **Strasbourg**, during the 4th part-session 2017 (9-13 October)
- **Paris**, 8 December 2017

**Other:**

- **Lisbon**, 7-8 September 2017, joint meeting of the Sub-Committee on Co-operation with non-European countries of origin and transit and the Sub-Committee on Integration

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