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

Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris on 20 September 2017

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

- on Wednesday, 20 September 2017 at 9.30 a.m., as regards:
 - **Child-friendly age assessment for unaccompanied migrant children** (Rapporteur: Ms Doris Fiala, Switzerland, ALDE): held an exchange of views with the participation of Ms Daja Wenke, Independent Researcher and Consultant, Child Rights, Italy and Mr Lodovico Benso, professor, Faculty of Medicine and Surgery, University of Turin, Italy. Considered a draft report and adopted unanimously a draft resolution and a draft recommendation as amended;
 - **Parliamentary Monitoring Guide on “Visiting places where children are deprived of their liberty as a result of migration procedures” elaborated by the Council of Europe’s Children Right’s Division in the framework of the Parliamentary Campaign to End Immigration Detention of Children**: held an exchange of views on the draft guide with Mr Julien Attuil Kayser, Juvenile Justice Officer, Defence for Children, Belgium;
 - **Integration, empowerment and protection of migrant children through compulsory education** (Rapporteur: Ms Petra De Sutter, Belgium, SOC): heard a statement by the rapporteur and considered an introductory memorandum;
 - **Family reunification in the Council of Europe member States** (Rapporteur: Ms Ulla Sandbæk, Denmark, UEL): heard a statement by the rapporteur and held an exchange of views with the participation of Ms Frédérique Desgrais, Head of Restoring Family Links and Missing Persons Unit, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Geneva, and Ms Kristiina Lilleorg, Thematic Specialist, Immigration and Border Management, Regional Office for the EU, Norway and Switzerland, International Organization for Migration (IOM); appointed the rapporteur to represent the Committee at a round table organised in Brussels by the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights, during her mission to Brussels authorised for 18-19 October;
 - **The situation of human rights of migrants and refugees and the ongoing crisis of Europe’s migration**: heard a statement by Ms Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC) and held a hearing with the participation of Mr Philippe Dam, Advocacy Director for Europe and Central Asia, Human Rights Watch (HRW), and Ms Daphné Bouteillet-Paquet, Senior Legal Officer, European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE);

- on Wednesday, 20 September 2017 at 2.30 p.m., as regards:
 - **Addressing the humanitarian needs of internally displaced persons: recent lessons and future challenges in Europe** (Rapporteur: Mr Killion Munyama, Poland, EPP/CD): heard a statement by the rapporteur and held an exchange of views with the participation of Ms Cecilia Jimenez-Damary, UN Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons (via video-conference), Mr Adrián Calvo-Valderrama, Senior Monitoring Coordinator, Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC), Geneva, and Ms Angela Cotroneo, Advisor on internal displacement, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Geneva; considered an information memorandum;
 - **“Charter of Equal Participation in Political and Public Life” for migrants** held an exchange of views;
 - **Parliamentary Network on Diaspora Policy (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)**: heard a statement by Mr Andrea Rigoni (Italy, ALDE), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Co-operation with non-European countries of origin and transit on the follow up to the launching Conference of the Network;
 - **World Forum for Democracy on “Is populism a problem?”** (Strasbourg, 8-10 November 2017): took note of the draft programme and proposed that Ms Milica Marković (Bosnia and Herzegovina, FDG) be appointed to the *ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau of the Assembly;
 - **Appointment of a General Rapporteur on Conditions of Reception of Refugees and Migrants**: appointed Ms Petra De Sutter, (Belgium, SOC) as General Rapporteur on Conditions of Reception of Refugees and Migrants and heard from her a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
 - **Appointments of rapporteurs for reports:**
 - Labour migration from Eastern Europe and its impact on socio-demographic processes in these countries**: following a vote, appointed Mr Ionuț-Marian Stroe (Romania, EPP/CD) and heard from him a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
 - The humanitarian situation of refugees in the countries neighbouring Syria**: appointed Mr Manlio Di Stefano (Italy, NR) and heard from him a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
 - The legal and practical requirements for extra-territorial processing of asylum claims**: appointed Mr Domagoj Hajduković (Croatia, SOC) and heard from him a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
 - Human rights impacts of the ‘external dimension’ of European Union asylum and migration policy: out of sight, out of mind?**: appointed Ms Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC) and heard from her a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
 - Development aid: a tool for preventing migration crises**: appointed Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC), subject to a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
 - Refugees and migrants as an easy target for trafficking and exploitation**: following a vote, appointed Mr Cezar-Florin Preda (Romania, EPP/CD) and heard from him a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
 - **Next meetings:**
 - Plenary:**
 - **Strasbourg**, during the 4th part-session 2017 (9-13 October)
 - **Paris**, 8 December 2017
 - Others:**
 - **Strasbourg**, *Sub-Committee on Refugee and Migrant Children and Young People*, during the 4th part-session 2017 (10 October)

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