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

Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 10, 11 and 12 October 2017

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, meeting in Strasbourg, with Ms Sahiba Gafarova (Azerbaijan, EC), Ms Doris Fiala (Switzerland, ALDE) and Ms Petra De Sutter (Belgium, SOC) in the Chair,

- on Tuesday, 10 October 2017 at 8.30 a.m., as regards:

Ms Petra De Sutter (Belgium, SOC) in the Chair

- **Humanitarian consequences of the war in Ukraine** (Rapporteur: Mr Egidijus Vareikis, Lithuania, EPP/CD): heard a statement by the rapporteur and considered a preliminary draft report;

Ms Sahiba Gafarova (Azerbaijan, EC) in the Chair

- **Recommendation 2090 (2016) on “The humanitarian concerns with regard to people captured during the war in Ukraine”** (rapporteur: Ms Nellija Kleinberga, Latvia, ALDE): considered the reply by the Committee of Ministers to the recommendation;
- **Search and rescue operations in the Mediterranean Sea**: heard a statement by Ms Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC) and held an exchange of views on the implementation of the Code of Conduct of NGOs involved in migrants’ search and rescue operations in Italy; approved a letter to be sent to the Chairperson of the Italian PACE Delegation asking for clarification and additional information on the subject;
- **European rules on the administrative detention of migrants**: heard a statement by Ms Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC), considered an information memorandum and endorsed the comments to the first draft of the codifying instrument of European rules on the administrative detention of migrants prepared by the European Committee on Legal Co-operation (CDCJ) of the Council of Europe;
- **The situation of refugees in Jordan**: held an exchange of views with Mr Kais Zayadin and Ms Marram Alheisah, members of the Jordanian Partner for Democracy Delegation, was informed of the invitation from the Parliament of Jordan to hold a meeting in Amman in 2018, and agreed to this, subject to the authorisation of the Bureau;

- **on Tuesday, 10 October 2017 at 2.00 p.m.**, as regards:
 - **Joint hearing with the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media:** held a hearing on “Migrants and the media” with the participation of Mr Marco Nassivera, Director of Communications, ARTE, Strasbourg, Mr Robert McNeil, Head of Media and Communications, Migration Observatory, University of Oxford and Mr Tom Law, Director of Campaigns and Communications, Ethical Journalism Network, London;
- **on Wednesday, 11 October 2017 at 2.00 p.m.**, as regards:

Ms Doris Fiala (Switzerland, ALDE) in the Chair

 - **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 heard a presentation by Mr Adriano Silvestri, Head of Sector Asylum, Migration and Borders, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) (via video conference) on the report on the European legal and policy framework on immigration detention of children prepared by FRA; heard a presentation by Ms Athanassia Sykiotou, Professor, Faculty of Law, Democritus University of Thrace, Greece, on the Study on immigration detention practices and the use of alternatives to immigration detention of children, elaborated in the framework of the Parliamentary Campaign to End Immigration Detention of Children; heard presentations by Mr Tomáš Boček, Special Representative of the Council of Europe Secretary General on Migration and Refugees, Ms Regina Jensdóttir, Head of the Children’s Rights Division, Children’s Rights Coordinator, Council of Europe and Mr Julien Attuil Kayser, Juvenile Justice Officer, Defence for Children, Belgium, on the 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;
- **on Thursday, 12 October 2017 at 8.30 a.m.**, as regards:
 - **Radicalisation of migrants and diaspora communities in Europe** (Rapporteur: Ms Sahiba Gafarova, Azerbaijan, EC): heard a statement by the rapporteur on her fact-finding visit to Norway on 21 and 22 September 2017;

Ms Sahiba Gafarova (Azerbaijan, EC) in the Chair
 - **Young migrants and refugees:** heard a communication by Mr Cihan Kilic and Mr Cheick Touré, representatives of Voices of Young Refugees in Europe (VYRE) on the seminar on “Empowering Young Refugees” (9-14 October, European Youth Centre (EYC) Strasbourg), organised by the EYC (Budapest/Strasbourg) and VYRE;
 - **Addressing the humanitarian needs of internally displaced persons: recent lessons and future challenges in Europe** (Rapporteur: Mr Killion Munyama, Poland, EPP/CD): heard a communication by the rapporteur and held an exchange of views with the participation of Mr Frederik Sundberg, Deputy to the Head of Department for the Execution of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights, Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law and Mr Eladio Fernandez Galiano, Head of Department for Culture, Nature and Heritage, Directorate General of Democracy, Council of Europe;
 - **World Forum for Democracy on “Is populism a problem?”** (Strasbourg, 8-10 November 2017): took note of the draft programme;
 - **Appointments of rapporteurs for reports:**
 - Stop violence and exploitation of migrant children:** appointed Mr Andrea Rigoni (Italy, ALDE), subject to the referral of the motion for a resolution to the Committee for report by the Assembly, and heard from him a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
 - Defining guidelines for international NGOs:** appointed Ms Daphné Dumery (Belgium, NR), subject to the referral of the motion for a resolution to the Committee for report by the Assembly, and heard from her a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;

– **Representation of the Committee at various events:**

Workshop on the External Dimensions of EU Migration Policies: Effectiveness, Fairness and Rule of Law Reconsidered, organised by the University of Salamanca and the Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS, Brussels) in Salamanca, Spain on 19-20 October 2017: appointed Ms Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC) without cost for the Assembly;

3rd meeting of the *Ad hoc* Committee for the Rights of the Child (CAHENF), 22-24 November 2017, Strasbourg: appointed Ms Doris Fiala (Switzerland, ALDE), subject to the availability of financial resources of the Assembly;

International expert conference on “Immigration Detention of Children: Coming to a Close?” organised by the Czech Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, Prague, 25-26 September 2017: heard a statement by Ms Doris Fiala (Switzerland, ALDE) and Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC)

– **Composition of the Sub-Committees:** approved the following changes:

Sub-Committee on Integration

- Ms Marie-Christine Verdier-Jouclas (France, NR) to become a titular member

Sub-Committee on Refugee and Migrant Children and Young People

- Ms Marie-Christine Verdier-Jouclas (France, NR) to become a titular member
- Mr Jérôme Lambert (France, NR) to become a titular member

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

- Ms Marie-Christine Dalloz (France, EPP/CD) to become a titular member
- Mr Jérôme Lambert (France, NR) to become an alternate member of Mr Bernard Fournier (France, EPP/CD)

– **Next meetings:**

- **Paris**, 8 December 2017
- **Strasbourg**, during the 1st part-session 2018 (22-26 January)

The **Sub-Committee on Refugee and Migrant Children and Young People**, meeting in Strasbourg on 10 October 2017 with Mr Manlio Di Stefano (Italy, NR) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Conference on “Protecting Stateless Persons from Arbitrary Detention” organised by the European Network on Statelessness (ENS), European Youth Centre, Budapest, 4-5 May 2017:** heard a statement by Mr Manlio Di Stefano (Italy, NR);
- **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:** heard a statement by Mr Manlio Di Stefano (Italy, NR);
- **Activities of the Council of Europe’s youth sector with young refugees:** held an exchange of views with Ms Antje Rothmund, Head of the Council of Europe Youth Department and Mr Matthew Johnson, Director, Directorate of Democratic Citizenship and participation, DG II;
- **Activities of the Sub-Committee in 2018:** heard a communication by the Chairperson of the Sub-Committee and agreed to organise a joint meeting with the Youth Department during one of their relevant events in 2018;
- **Next meeting:** during the January part-session 2018.

The Sub-Committee on Co-operation with non-European countries of origin and transit, meeting in Strasbourg on 12 October 2017, with Mr Andrea Rigoni (Italy, ALDE) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Follow-up to the Launching Conference of the Parliamentary Network on Diaspora Policies (Lisbon, 7-8 September 2017)**: heard a communication by the Chairperson of the Sub-Committee and agreed to write a letter to the Moroccan Partner for Democracy Delegation enquiring about the possibility of hosting the next regional meeting of the Network in Morocco, subject to the authorisation of the Bureau; approved the conclusions of the conference;
- **Next meeting**: during the January part-session 2018.

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