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## To the members of the Sub-Committee on Co-operation with non-European countries of origin and transit and the Sub-Committee on Integration

of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons

### Synopsis of the meeting held in Lisbon (Portugal) on 7 and 8 September 2017

The Sub-Committee on Co-operation with non-European countries of origin and transit and the Sub-Committee on Integration, jointly meeting in Lisbon (Portugal), with Mr Andrea Rigoni (Italy, ALDE) in the Chair,

- on Thursday, 7 September 2017 at 11.00 a.m., as regards:
  - **Launching conference of the Parliamentary Network on Diaspora Policies:** held a Conference hosted by the Parliament of Portugal and organised in co-operation with the Parliamentary Projects Support Division of the Assembly in the framework of the Joint Programmes “Towards a Strengthened Democratic Governance in the Southern Mediterranean” (South Programme II), and “Partnership for Good Governance”, funded by the European Union and implemented by the Council of Europe, with the involvement of the following participants:

#### Opening session:

- **Mr Eduardo Ferro Rodrigues**, President of the Parliament of Portugal
- **Mr René Rouquet**, Vice-President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
- **Mr Tomáš Boček**, Special Representative of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe on Migration and Refugees

#### Keynote address:

*Diaspora contribution to European societies*

- **Mr William Lacy Swing**, Director General, International Organization for Migration

#### Session 1 - Relations with countries of origin

*Democratic participation of diaspora*

Moderator:

- **Mr Carlos Alberto Gonçalves**, Member of the Portuguese Delegation to the PACE

Keynote speakers:

- **Mr Eduardo Cabrita**, Minister in the Cabinet of the Prime Minister of Portugal
- **Mr Talip Küçükcan**, Chairperson of the Turkish Delegation to the PACE
- **Ms Kateryna Yushchenko**, First Lady of Ukraine 2005-2010, Chairperson of the Supervisory Board, Ukraine 3000 International Foundation

### **Session 1 - Relations with countries of origin**

*Diaspora's impact on the development of the countries of origin  
The case for a European Parliamentary Network on Diaspora Policies*

Introduction:

- **Mr Andrea Rigoni**, Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Co-operation with non-European countries of origin and transit of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons of the PACE

Moderator:

- **Ms Kateryna Yushchenko**, First Lady of Ukraine 2005-2010, Chairperson of the Supervisory Board, Ukraine 3000 International Foundation

Keynote speakers:

- **Dr. Götz Schmidt-Bremme**, Ambassador for the 2017-2018 Global Forum on Migration and Development
- **Mr Filipe de Botton**, President of the Portuguese Council of Diaspora
- **Mr Jean-Christophe Dumont**, Head of the International Migration Department of the OECD

- **on Friday, 8 September 2017 at 9.00 a.m.**, as regards:

### **Session 2 - Relations with host countries**

*Promotion of intercultural dialogue*

Moderator:

- **Mr António Gamito**, Executive Director, North-South Centre of the Council of Europe

Keynote speakers:

- **Mr Pierre-Yves Le Borgn'**, Former member of the French National Assembly, representing the French living abroad
- **Mr Júlio Vilela**, Director General for consular affairs and Portuguese communities abroad

### **Session 2 - Relations with host countries**

*Role of diaspora in building cohesive societies*

Moderator:

- **Mr Jean Marie Heydt**, Chair of the Executive Committee of the North-South Centre

Keynote speakers:

- **Mr Armen Ashotyan**, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Foreign Relations, National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia
- **Ms Amina Khalid**, Programme Manager, Initiatives of Change; Trustee and Project Manager, The Somali Initiative for Dialogue and Democracy

### **Closing session:**

*Conclusions and adoption of the final declaration*

- **Mr René Rouquet**, Vice-President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
- **Mr Andrea Rigoni**, Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Co-operation with non-European countries of origin and transit of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons of the PACE
- **Ms Ana Catarina Mendes**, Chairperson of the Portuguese Delegation to the PACE

The members of both sub-committees approved the draft final declaration constituting the Parliamentary Network on Diaspora Policies.

- **Next meeting:** left it to the Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Co-operation with non-European countries of origin and transit to convene the next meeting.

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