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

Synopsis of the meeting held in Rabat (Morocco) on 8 February 2018

The Sub-Committee on Diasporas, meeting in Rabat (Morocco), with Mr Andrea Rigoni (Italy, ALDE) in the Chair,

- on Thursday, 8 February 2018 at 10.00 a.m., as regards:
- *Regional Meeting of the Parliamentary Network on Diaspora Policies on “Which type of integration of migrants can be applied to prevent radicalisation: the role of parliaments and diaspora associations”*: took part in a regional meeting hosted by the Parliament of Morocco and organised by the Parliamentary Network on Diaspora Policies in co-operation with the Parliamentary Projects Support Division of the Assembly in the framework of the South Programme II “Towards a Strengthened Democratic Governance in the Southern Mediterranean”, funded by the European Union and implemented by the Council of Europe, with the involvement of the following participants:

Opening session:

- **Mr Rachid El Abdi**, Vice-President of the House of Representatives, Parliament of Morocco
- **Mr Ahmed Lakhrif**, Member of the Bureau of the House of Councillors, Parliament of Morocco
- **Mr Mohamed Yatim**, Minister of Employment and Vocational Training, Morocco
- **Mr Andrea Rigoni**, Coordinator of the Parliamentary Network on Diaspora Policies
- **Mr Driss El Yazami**, President of the National Council of Human Rights

Session 1 - Cultural and religious differences in the context of integration of migrants

Moderator:

- **Ms Aziza Chagaf**, Member of the Chamber of Representatives of the Moroccan Parliament

Panellists:

- **Mr Paulo Pisco**, Member of the Portuguese delegation to PACE
- **Ms Ana Fonseca**, Chief of Mission of IOM in Morocco
- **Mr Lahcen Haddad**, Former minister of tourism, Morocco
- **Ms Ivana D’Alessandro**, Head of Intercultural Cities Unit, Council of Europe

Session 2 - Role of diaspora in preventing extremism and radicalisation

Moderator:

- **Ms Nadya Radkovska**, Head of International Relations Department, Directorate General for the Execution of Sentences, Ministry of Justice, Bulgaria

Panellists:

- **Mr Yıldırım Tuğrul Turkes**, Member of the Turkish delegation to PACE

- **Mr Ahmed Aly**, Member of the Egyptian House of Representatives
- **Mr Kristof Tamas**, Director, The Migration Studies Delegation, Sweden
- **Mr Farid El Asri**, Professor of the Rabat International University, Morocco

Session 3 - Social and economic inclusion as a key element for successful integration

Moderator:

- **Mr Eduard Carlo Gnesa**, Dr. iur. Former Special Ambassador for International Cooperation in Migration Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (ADFA)

Panellists:

- **Mr Killion Munyama**, Member of the Polish Sejm
- **Mr Ahmed Skim**, Director of migration affairs, Ministry in charge of MRE and of migration affairs
- **Mr Wolfgang Bosswick**, Researcher at the Bamberg University, Germany

Closing session:

- **Mr José Luis Herrero**, Head of the Council of Europe Office in Morocco
- **Mr Andrea Rigoni**, Coordinator of the Parliamentary Network on Diaspora Policies and Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Diasporas

The members of the Sub-committee approved the draft regulations of the European Diaspora Prize.

– **Next meeting:** April part-session.

Olga Kostenko

cc: Secretary General of the Assembly
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