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

Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris on 4 June 2018

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, meeting in Paris, with Ms Doris Fiala (Switzerland, ALDE) in the Chair,

- on Monday, 4 June 2018 at 10.00 a.m., as regards:
 - **Priorities of the Committee in 2018:** considered an information document on the priorities of the Committee and held an exchange of views;
 - **The humanitarian situation of refugees in the countries neighbouring Syria** (Rapporteur: Mr Manlio Di Stefano, Italy, NR): considered a draft report and adopted unanimously a preliminary draft resolution as amended;
 - **Development aid: a tool for preventing migration crises** (Rapporteur: Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez, Switzerland, SOC): heard a statement by the rapporteur and held an exchange of views with Ms Rachel Scott, Head of Crises and Fragility, Development Co-operation Directorate of the OECD; agreed to change the title of the report as follows: “Development co-operation: a tool for preventing migrations crises”;
 - **The legal and practical requirements for extra-territorial processing of asylum claims** (Rapporteur: Mr Domagoj Hajduković, Croatia, SOC): considered a draft report and adopted unanimously a preliminary draft resolution as amended and a preliminary draft recommendation; agreed to change the title of the report as follows: “Extra-territorial processing of asylum claims and the creation of safe refugee shelters abroad”;
- on Monday, 4 June 2018 at 2.30 p.m., as regards:
 - **Human rights impact of the “external dimension” of European Union asylum and migration policy: out of sight, out of rights?** (Rapporteur: Ms Tineke Strik, Netherlands, SOC): heard a statement by the rapporteur on her fact-finding visit to Turkey (31 May – 1 June 2018); considered a draft report and adopted unanimously a preliminary draft resolution as amended and a preliminary draft recommendation;
 - **Radicalisation of migrants and diaspora communities in Europe** (Rapporteur: Ms Sahiba Gafarova, Azerbaijan, EC): heard a statement by the rapporteur and considered a preliminary draft report;

- **Labour migration from Eastern Europe and its impact on socio-demographic processes in these countries** (Rapporteur: Mr Ionut-Marian Stroe, Romania, EPP/CD): heard a statement by the rapporteur and considered an introductory memorandum; authorised the rapporteur to carry out a fact-finding visit to Poland, subject to the availability of financial resources of the Assembly;
- **Stop violence and exploitation of migrant children** (Rapporteur: Mr Andrea Rigoni, Italy, ALDE): in the absence of the rapporteur, postponed the consideration of an introductory memorandum until the next meeting;
- **Parliamentary Network on Diaspora Policies**: in the absence of the Coordinator, Mr Andrea Rigoni (Italy, ALDE), postponed his statement on the Annual Diaspora Forum held in Geneva on 18 May 2018 until the next meeting;
- **Sub-Committee on Diasporas**: in the absence of the Chairperson of the Sub-Committee, Mr Andrea Rigoni (Italy, ALDE), postponed his statement on the meeting held in Geneva (18 May 2018), in the context of the Annual Diaspora Forum; agreed to hold a meeting of the Sub-Committee in the context of the Regional meeting of the Parliamentary Network on Diaspora Policies in Kyiv (September 2018), subject to the authorisation by the Bureau;
- **Recommendation 2108 (2017) on “A comprehensive humanitarian and political response to the migration and refugee crisis and the continuing flows into Europe” (Rapporteur: Mr Duarte Marques, Portugal, EPP/CD) and Recommendation 2109 (2017) on “Migration as an opportunity for European Development” (rapporteur: Mr Andrea Rigoni, Italy, ALDE)**: in the absence of the rapporteurs, postponed the consideration of the joint reply from the Committee of Ministers to Recommendations 2108 (2017) and 2109 (2017) until the next meeting;
- **Appointments of rapporteurs for reports:**
 - Violence and discrimination against religious minorities in refugee camps across Europe**: postponed the appointment of a rapporteur until the next meeting;
 - Investment migration: trends, advantages, standards**: in his absence, appointed Mr Aleksander Pocij (Poland, EPP/CD), subject to a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
- **Other business:**
 - Greek islands: more needs to be done** (rapporteur: Ms Petra De Sutter, Belgium, SOC): authorised the rapporteur to carry out a fact-finding visit to Greece, subject to the availability of financial resources of the Assembly;
- **Next meetings:**
 - **Strasbourg**, during the 3rd part-session 2018 (25-29 June)
 - **Paris**, 21 September 2018
 - **Strasbourg**, during the 4th part-session 2018 (8-12 October)
 - **Paris**, 5 December 2018

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