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

Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris (National Assembly) on 21 September 2018

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, meeting in Paris, with Mr Killion Munyama (Poland, EPP/CD) and Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC) in the Chair,

- on Friday, 21 September 2018 at 9.30 a.m., with Mr Killion Munyama (Poland, EPP/CD) in the Chair, as regards:
 - **Welcome address by a representative of the National Assembly:** heard a welcome address by Ms Marie-Christine Verdier-Jouclas (France, NR) on behalf of Mr Richard Ferrand, President of the National Assembly, and Ms Nicole Trisse, Chairperson of the French Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly;
 - **Radicalisation of migrants and diaspora communities in Europe** (Rapporteur: Ms Sahiba Gafarova, Azerbaijan, EC): in the absence of the rapporteur, considered a draft report and adopted unanimously a preliminary draft resolution;
 - **Family reunification in the Council of Europe member States** (Rapporteur: Ms Ulla Sandbæk, Denmark, UEL): heard a statement by the rapporteur, considered a draft report and adopted unanimously a preliminary draft resolution and a preliminary draft recommendation; agreed to change the title of the report as follows: "Family reunification of refugees and migrants in Council of Europe member States";
 - **Greek islands: more needs to be done** (Rapporteur: Ms Petra De Sutter, Belgium, SOC): heard a statement by the rapporteur on her fact-finding visit to Athens, Kavala, Drama and Lesbos (10-12 July 2018) and considered an introductory memorandum;
 - **Regional Conference of the Parliamentary Network on Diaspora Policies:** heard a communication by Mr Killion Munyama (Poland, EPP/CD), 1st Vice-President of the Committee on the next Regional Conference which will be held in Kyiv on 24 September 2018;
 - **Parliamentary Campaign to End Immigration Detention of Children:** heard a statement by Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC), General Rapporteur of the Parliamentary Campaign to End Immigration Detention of Children on the visit to SOS Children's Villages Greece in Athens (23 July 2018);
 - **Development co-operation: a tool for preventing migration crises** (Rapporteur: Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez, Switzerland, SOC): heard a statement by the rapporteur on his fact-finding visit to Ouahigouya and Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso (10-12 July 2018);

- **The implications of Brexit for migration** (Rapporteur: Mr Killion Munyama, Poland, EPP/CD): heard a statement by the rapporteur on his fact-finding visit to London and Nottingham (4-5 September 2018); authorised the rapporteur to carry out a fact-finding visit to the European Commission (Brussels), subject to the availability of financial resources of the Assembly;
 - **Unlawful death of refugees and migrants**: heard a statement by Ms Agnès Callamard, UN Special Rapporteur of the Human Rights Council on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions and held an exchange of views;
 - **Migration from a gender perspective: Empowering women as key actors for integration** (Rapporteur for opinion: Ms Eva-Lena Jansson, Sweden, SOC): heard a statement by the rapporteur, considered and approved an opinion including 9 amendments to the draft resolution;
 - **World Forum for Democracy on “Gender Equality: Whose battle?”** (Strasbourg, 19-21 November 2018): took note of the draft programme;
 - **Appointment of a rapporteur for report.**
Stop violence and exploitation of migrant children: appointed Ms Rósa Björk Brynjólfssdóttir (Iceland, UEL) and heard from her a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
 - **Recommendation 2117 (2017) on “Child-friendly age assessment for unaccompanied migrant children”** (Rapporteur: Ms Doris Fiala, Switzerland, ALDE): postponed the consideration of the reply from the Committee of Ministers to Recommendation 2117 (2017) until the next meeting;
 - **Composition of the Sub-Committees**: approved the following changes:
Sub-Committee on Diasporas
 - Ms Cristina-Mădălina Prună (Romania, NR) to become a titular member
 - Ms Ulla Sandbæk (Denmark, UEL) to become a titular member
 - **Next meetings**:
 - **Strasbourg**, during the 4th part-session 2018 (8-12 October)
 - **Paris**, 5 December 2018
- Other**
- **Kyiv**, 24 September 2018, Sub-Committee on Diasporas in the context of the Regional meeting of the Parliamentary Network on Diaspora Policies
 - **on Friday, 21 September 2018 at 2.30 p.m.**, with Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC) in the Chair, as regards:
 - **Exchange of views with the French Authorities**: held an exchange of views with Ms Élise Fajgeles, Member of the National Assembly and Rapporteur on Law No. 2018-778 for controlled immigration, effective right of asylum and successful integration, Mr Didier Leschi, Director General, French Office for Immigration and Integration (OFII) and Ms Sophie Pegliasco, Director of the Private Office of the Director General, French Office for the Protection of Refugees and Stateless Persons (OFPRA) and held an exchange of views;
 - **A legal status for “climate refugees”** (Rapporteur: Ms Marie-Christine Verdier-Jouclas, France, NR): heard a statement by the rapporteur and held an exchange of views with Mr Olivier Fontan, Deputy Director of Environment and Climate, Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs (MEAE), Ms Alexandra Bonnet, Deputy Director of the Directorate of European and International Affairs, Ministry of Ecological and Solidarity Transition (METES), Ms Isabelle Michal, Policy Officer, Climate Change and Disaster Displacement (CCDD) Unit, UNHCR, Geneva and Ms Dina Ionesco, Head of the Division on Migration, Environment and Climate Change, IOM, Geneva;

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