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

Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 9, 10 and 11 October 2018

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, meeting in Strasbourg, with Ms Doris Fiala (Switzerland, ALDE) and Mr Killion Munyama (Poland, EPP/CD) in the Chair,

- on Tuesday, 9 October 2018 at 8.30 a.m., with Mr Killion Munyama (Poland, EPP/CD) in the Chair, as regards:
 - **Radicalisation of migrants and diaspora communities in Europe** (Rapporteur: Ms Sahiba Gafarova, Azerbaijan, EC): was informed that no amendments were tabled to the draft resolution;
 - **Exchange of views on two reports: Missing refugee and migrant children in Europe (Rapporteur: Ms Serap Yaşar, Turkey, EC) and Concerted action on human trafficking (Rapporteur: Mr Vernon Coaker, United Kingdom, SOC)**: held an exchange of views with Mr Markus Lehner, Administrator with the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA), and Ms Goia Scappucci, Executive Secretary of the Lanzarote Committee (Committee of the Parties to the Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (T-ES));
 - **Unaccompanied and separated migrant children: the need for effective guardianship**: considered and adopted a draft motion for a resolution on the above-mentioned topic, to be tabled on behalf of the Committee;
 - **The impact of labour migration on left-behind children (Rapporteur of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development: Mr Viorel Riceard Badea, Romania, EPP/CD)**: held an exchange of views and agreed to ask the Bureau of the Assembly to be seized for an opinion on the above-mentioned report;
 - **Parliamentary Network on Diaspora Policies**: heard a statement by the Network Coordinator, Mr Duarte Marques (Portugal, EPP/CD), on the Regional Conference of the Parliamentary Network on Diaspora Policies in Kyiv (24 September 2018);
 - **Sub-Committee on Diasporas**: heard a statement by Mr Duarte Marques (Portugal, EPP/CD), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee, on the meeting held in Kyiv, in the context of the Regional Conference of the Parliamentary Network on Diaspora Policies (24 September 2018);
 - **Recommendation 2117 (2017) on “Child-friendly age assessment for unaccompanied migrant children”** (Rapporteur: Ms Doris Fiala, Switzerland, ALDE): considered the reply from the Committee of Ministers to Recommendation 2117 (2017);

- **on Wednesday, 10 October 2018 at 2.00 p.m.**, with Ms Doris Fiala (Switzerland, ALDE) in the Chair, as regards:
 - **Parliamentary Campaign to End Immigration Detention of Children:** In the absence of Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC), General Rapporteur of the Parliamentary Campaign to End Immigration Detention of Children, watched a campaign video, took note of the invitation to members to participate in a parliamentary visit to the Röszke transit zone, Hungary (12 November 2018) and held an exchange of views with Mr Jan Malinowski, Executive Secretary of the European Committee of Social Rights of the European Social Charter and Ms Elena Baroni, Lawyer with the Registry of the European Court of Human Rights;
- **on Thursday, 11 October 2018 at 8.30 a.m.**, with Mr Killion Munyama (Poland, EPP/CD) in the Chair, as regards:
 - **Family reunification of refugees and migrants in the Council of Europe member States** (Rapporteur: Ms Ulla Sandbæk, Denmark, UEL): took position on four amendments tabled to the draft resolution;
 - **The situation of migrants in Morocco and the Kingdom of Morocco's role in the UN Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration:** held an exchange of views with Mr Lahbib Nadir, Secretary General of the Ministry responsible for Moroccans abroad and Migration Affairs of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation;
 - **Sub-Committee on Integration:** heard a statement by Mr Domagoj Hajduković (Croatia, SOC), Vice-Chairperson of the Sub-Committee, on the meetings held on 25 June and 10 October 2018; agreed to ask the Bureau for authorisation to hold a meeting of the Sub-Committee in the Grand National Assembly of Turkey in Ankara in 2019 (date to be confirmed), subject to the availability of financial resources of the Assembly and the authorisation by the Bureau;
 - **World Forum for Democracy on "Gender Equality: Whose battle?"** (Strasbourg, 19-21 November 2018): took note of the draft programme;
 - **Appointments of rapporteurs for reports:**
 - Violence and discrimination against religious minorities in refugee camps across Europe:** following a vote, appointed Mr Egidijus Vareikis (Lithuania, EPP/CD), subject to a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
 - The protection of victims of forced displacement under international law:** appointed Mr Fabien Gouttefarde (France, NR) and heard from him a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
 - **Representation of the Committee at various events:**
 - 12th Meeting of the Committee of Experts on Administrative Detention of Migrants (CJ-DAM) organised by the Council of Europe, 10-12 December 2018, Strasbourg: appointed Ms Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC), subject to the availability of financial resources of the Assembly;
 - **Composition of the Sub-Committees:** approved the following changes:
 - Sub-Committee on Integration**
 - Mr Zafer Sirakaya (Turkey, NR) to become a full member
 - Sub-Committee on Refugee and Migrant Children and Young People**
 - Mr Cemal Çetin (Turkey, EC) to become a full member
 - Sub-Committee on Diasporas**
 - Mr Cemal Çetin (Turkey, EC) to become an alternate member of Mr Yıldırım Tuğrul Türkeş (EC)

– **Next meetings:**

- **Paris**, 5 December 2018
- **Strasbourg**, during the 1st part-session 2019 (21-25 January)
- **Paris**, 26 March 2019 (tbc)
- **Strasbourg**, during the 2nd part-session 2019 (8-12 April)
- **Paris**, 16 May 2019 (tbc)
- **Strasbourg**, during the 3rd part-session 2019 (24-28 June)
- **Paris**, 6 September 2019 (tbc)
- **Strasbourg**, during the 4th part-session 2019 (30 September-4 October)
- **Paris**, 2 December 2019 (tbc)

The Sub-Committee on Integration, meeting in Strasbourg on 10 October 2018, with Ms Mr Georgios Psychogios (Greece, UEL) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Future activities of the Sub-Committee:** was informed of an invitation from the Chairperson of the Turkish Delegation to hold a meeting in the Grand National Assembly of Turkey in Ankara in 2019 (date to be confirmed) and agreed to it, subject to the availability of financial resources of the Assembly and the authorisation by the Bureau;
- **Next meeting:** First part-session of the Assembly 2019.

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