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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 Geneva (Switzerland) on 18 May 2018

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

- on Friday, 18 May 2018 at 09.00 a.m., as regards:
- **Annual Diaspora Forum on “Diasporas as Partners for Development in a Globalized World”:** took part in the Annual Forum held in the UN Palais des Nations and jointly organised by the International Organization for Migration and the Parliamentary Network on Diaspora Policies with the Parliamentary Projects Support Division of the Assembly in the framework of the South Programme III “Ensuring Sustainable Democratic Governance and Human Rights in the Southern Mediterranean”, funded by the European Union and implemented by the Council of Europe, with the involvement of the following participants:
  - **H.E. Ambassador William Lacy Swing**, Director General, International Organization for Migration (IOM)
  - **Mr Tomáš Boček**, Special Representative of the Secretary General on Migration and Refugees, Council of Europe
  - **Ms Doris Fiala**, Chairperson of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
  - **Mr Andrea Rigoni**, Coordinator of the Parliamentary Network on Diaspora Policies
  - **Ms Cécile Kashetu Kyenge**, MP, European Parliament
  - **Dr Eduard Gnesa**, Chair of the Expert group to the Global Forum on Migration and Development
  - **Mr Gibril Faal**, Interim Executive Director of the Africa-Europe Diaspora Development Platform
  - **Mr Carlos Alberto Gonçalves**, MP Portugal, PACE
  - **Mr Pierre Maudet**, Counsellor of State in charge of Security and Economy, Republic and Canton of Geneva
  - **Mr Lars Hartenstein**, Associate Partner, McKinsey Geneva Office
  - **Ms Mariah Levin**, Manager, Global Future Council on Migration and Deputy Head, Forum of Young Global Leaders
  - **Mr Gilles Spielvogel**, Economist, International Migration Division, OECD
  - **Mr Paulo Pisco**, MP Portugal, PACE
  - **Mr Nasser Youssef**, Board Member, Syrian International Business Association
  - **Ms Marguerite Welly Lottin**, President of the GRIOT Association
  - **Mr Onyekachi Wambu**, Executive Director, AFFORD
  - **Mr Egidijus Vareikis**, MP Lithuania, PACE
  - **Mr Chukwu-Emeka Chikezie**, MBE; Director, Up!-Africa Ltd
  - **Mr Leon Isaacs**, CEO, Developing Market Associates
  - **Mr Markus Reisle**, Migration Expert, Head of Global Programme Migration and Development, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation SDC

- **Ms Stephanie Deubler**, Senior Planning Officer Migration and Forced Displacement, Department Economic and Social Development, Employment (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit) (GIZ)
  - **Ms Marina Manke**, Head of the Labour Mobility and Human Development Division, IOM
- **Future activities of the Sub-Committee:** heard a statement by the Chairperson on the next meeting of the Sub-Committee on the occasion of the meeting of the Parliamentary Network on Diaspora policies in Kyiv following the invitation from the Ukrainian Delegation to PACE (date to be confirmed, and subject to the approval of the Committee and authorisation of the Bureau of the Assembly);
- **Next meeting:** Kyiv (date to be confirmed; subject to the approval of the Committee and authorisation of the Bureau of the Assembly).

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cc: Secretary General of the Assembly  
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