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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 April 2019

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

- on Tuesday, 9 April 2019 at 8.30 a.m., as regards:
  - **Pushback action by member States** (*Rapporteur: Ms Tineke Strik, Netherlands, SOC*): heard a statement by the rapporteur on her fact-finding visit to Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina (27-28 March 2019); held an exchange of views with the participation of Mr Christian Mommers, Adviser, Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights, and Mr Philippe Dam, Advocacy Director for Europe and Central Asia, Human Rights Watch;
- on Wednesday, 10 April 2019 at 2 p.m., as regards:
  - **Stop violence and exploitation of migrant children** (*Rapporteur: Ms Rósa Björk Brynjólfssdóttir, Iceland, UEL*): heard a statement by the rapporteur on her fact-finding visit to Madrid and Melilla, Spain (12-13 February 2019); considered a preliminary draft report and held an exchange of views with the participation of Ms Sarah Di Giglio, Senior Policy and Project Officer, International Organization for Migration, and Ms Elena Muñoz, Coordinator, Legal Service, Spanish Commission for Refugees (CEAR), Madrid, Spain;
  - **Investment migration: trends, advantages, standards** (*Rapporteur: Mr Aleksander Pociąg, Poland, EPP/CD*): held a joint hearing with the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights with the participation of Ms Gillian More, Policy Officer, DG Justice, D.3 – Union Citizenship Rights and Free Movement, European Commission, Brussels (via videoconference), and Ms Ekaterine Rostomashvili, Advocacy and Campaigns Coordinator, Transparency International, Berlin;
  - **The protection of victims of forced displacement under international law** (*Rapporteur: Mr Fabien Gouttefarde, France, NR*): considered an introductory memorandum;
- on Thursday, 11 April 2019 at 8.30 a.m., as regards:
  - **The situation of migrants and refugees on the Greek islands: more needs to be done** (*Rapporteur: Ms Petra De Sutter, Belgium, SOC*): took position on the amendments tabled to the draft resolution and the draft recommendation;
  - **Missing refugee and migrant children in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Ms Serap Yaşar, Turkey, EC*): held an exchange of views with the participation of Ms Paula Hoffmeyer-Zlotnik, Researcher, University of Geneva, Switzerland;

- **on Thursday, 11 April 2019 at 2 p.m.**, as regards:
- **Exchange of views with the President of Doctors of the World, Dr Philippe de Botton:** held an exchange of views on recent action to provide assistance to migrants, refugees and displaced persons by Doctors of the World;
- **Sub-Committee on Integration:** heard a statement by the Chairperson of the Sub-Committee;
- **Parliamentary Network on Diaspora Policies and Sub-Committee on Diasporas:** heard a statement by Mr Paulo Pisco, Vice-Chair of the Sub-Committee, on the meetings of the Sub-Committee held in Strasbourg on 23 January and in Warsaw (Poland) on 22 March, and on the conference of the Network in Warsaw on 22 March 2019; decided to ask the Bureau of the Assembly to authorise a meeting of the Sub-Committee on Diasporas in Istanbul on 10 June 2019 on the occasion of the Annual Forum of the Parliamentary Network on Diaspora Policies and jointly with the Sub-Committee on Integration;
- **Parliamentary Campaign to End Immigration Detention of Children:** heard a statement by Ms Rósa Björk Brynjólfssdóttir (Iceland, UEL) on the national parliamentary seminar on “Age assessment of unaccompanied migrant children in Europe – Icelandic case”, held on 29 March in Reykjavik, Iceland; held an exchange of views on alternatives to immigration detention with the participation of Ms Lilja Gretarsdóttir, Deputy Head of Division for Independent Human Rights Bodies, Secretary of CDDH-MIG, Council of Europe, and Ms Katarzyna Słubik, Senior Lawyer and Project Coordinator, Association for Legal Intervention, Poland (via videoconference);
- **Appointment of rapporteurs for reports:**
  - **Role of parliaments in implementing the United Nations global compacts for migrants and refugees (Doc. 14655):** heard a declaration of absence of conflict of interest from Ms Stella Kyriakides (Cyprus, EPP/CD);
- **Meeting of the Committee in Zurich on 28-29 May 2019:** took note of the preliminary draft programme for the meeting;
- **Consideration of the replies by the Committee of Ministers:** postponed the consideration of the replies from the Committee of Ministers to Recommendation 2136 (2018), Recommendation 2137 (2018) and Recommendation 2141 (2018) until the next meeting;
- **Other business:** decided to request an extension until end of April 2020 of the reference for report on “Rights and obligations of NGOs assisting refugees and migrants in Europe” (Rapporteur: Mr Domagoj Hajduković, Croatia, SOC);
- **Next meetings:** took note of the forthcoming meetings as follows:

**Plenary Committee:**

- **Zurich**, 28-29 May 2019
- **Strasbourg**, during the 3<sup>rd</sup> part-session 2019 (24-28 June)
- **Paris**, 6 September 2019 (tbc)
- **Strasbourg**, during the 4<sup>th</sup> part-session 2019 (30 September-4 October)
- **Paris**, 2 December 2019 (tbc).

**Sub-Committee on Integration:**

- **Istanbul (Turkey)**, 10 June 2019

**Sub-Committee on Diasporas:**

- **Istanbul (Turkey)**, 10 June 2019.

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