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

### Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris on 6 September 2019

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, meeting in Paris, with Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC) in the Chair, as regards:

- **The implications of Brexit for migration** (*Rapporteur: Mr Killion Munyama, Poland, EPP/CD*): in the absence of the rapporteur, decided to revert to this item at the next meeting;
- **Missing refugee and migrant children in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Ms Serap Yaşar, Turkey, NR*): considered two information documents and a preliminary draft report; held an exchange of views with the participation of Mr Cyril Gout, Assistant Director, Forensics and Police Data Management, INTERPOL;
- **Rights and obligations of NGOs assisting refugees and migrants in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Mr Domagoj Hajduković, Croatia, SOC*): considered a preliminary draft report;
- **Concerted action on human trafficking** (*Rapporteur: Mr Vernon Coaker, United Kingdom, SOC*): held an exchange of views with the participation of:
  - Ms Sabine Constabel, social worker and founder, Sisters NGO, Stuttgart, Germany;
  - Ms Anna Sereni, Anti-Trafficking Monitoring Coordinator, Anti-Slavery International, London, United Kingdom;
- **Unaccompanied and separated migrant children: the need for effective guardianship** (*Rapporteur: Ms Sahiba Gafarova, Azerbaijan, EC*): considered a preliminary draft report and agreed to change the title of the report as follows: "Effectiveness of guardianship for unaccompanied and separated migrant children"; held an exchange of views with the participation of:
  - Ms Liedewij de Ruijter de Wildt, Project manager, Nidos, guardianship organisation, Utrecht, Netherlands;
  - Mr Serge Durand, Director of protection of unaccompanied foreign minors, France terre d'asile, Paris;
  - Ms Nathalie Lequeux, lawyer – legal coordinator, Office of the Human Rights Defender, Paris;
- **Parliamentary Campaign to End Immigration Detention of Children**: heard a statement by the General Rapporteur, Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC), on the presentation of the Campaign to the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs of the European Parliament (LIBE), 25 July, Brussels (Belgium);

- **Parliamentary Network on Diaspora Policies:** heard a statement by Mr Riad Alazzam (Jordan) on the forthcoming regional conference on “the economic potential of diasporas” in Amman (Jordan) on 18 September 2019;
- **Work programme:** decided to ask the Assembly Bureau to be seized for opinion on the Motion for a resolution on “Celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Geneva conventions: the contribution of the Council of Europe to the increasing synergy between International Humanitarian Law and International Human Rights Law” (Doc. 14925);
- **Composition of the Sub-Committees:** approved the following change:  
**Sub-Committee on Diasporas:**
  - Ms Anne-Mari Virolainen (Finland, EPP/CD) to become a titular member;
- **Representation of the Committee at various events:**  
  
Exchange of views with the Committee of the Parties to the Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA) on "Enhancing the comprehensive approach to combating trafficking in human beings", 18 October 2019, Strasbourg: appointed Mr Vernon Coaker (United Kingdom, SOC), to participate, subject to the availability of financial resources of the Assembly;
- **Next meetings:** took note of the forthcoming meetings as follows:  
**Plenary Committee:**
  - **Strasbourg**, during the 4<sup>th</sup> part-session 2019 (30 September-4 October);
  - **Paris**, 2 December 2019.

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