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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 Warsaw, Poland on 22 March 2019

The **Sub-Committee on Diasporas**, meeting in Warsaw (Poland) on 22 March 2019 with Mr Duarte Marques (Portugal, EPP/CD) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Regional Conference of the Parliamentary Network on Diaspora Policies on “The role of diasporas in the development of civil society”, in Warsaw (Poland) on 22 March 2019:** took part in a regional conference hosted by the Parliament of Poland and organised by the Parliamentary Network on Diaspora Policies, with the involvement of the following participants:
  - **Mr Andrzej Halicki**, Vice-chairperson of the Polish Delegation to PACE;
  - **Mr Killion Munyama**, Vice-chairperson of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons;
  - **Mr Duarte Marques**, Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Diasporas;
  - **Mr Cezary Maliszewski**, Director of Department of Denominations and National and Ethnic Minorities, Ministry of Interior and Administration;
  - **Mr Tomasz Cimoszewicz**, Vice-chairperson of the National and Ethnic Minorities Committee, Sejm of the Republic of Poland;
  - **Mr Arkadiusz Michoński**, Minister Councillor, Department for Cooperation with Polish Diaspora and Poles Abroad, Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
  - **Prof. Liam Kennedy**, Clinton Institute, University College Dublin, Ireland;
  - **Dr Adam Bodnar**, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Republic of Poland;
  - **Dr Violeta Moskalu**, Head of Board, Global Ukraine Foundation;
- **Future activities of the Sub-Committee:** agreed to accept the invitation of the Turkish Parliament to hold the Annual Forum of the Network in Turkey on 10 June 2019; also agreed to accept the invitation of the Georgian Parliament to organise the next Network’s conference in Georgia on 16 December 2019 (subject to the authorisation by the Bureau to hold Sub-Committee meetings on these occasions and the availability of funds); was informed of the interest of the Jordanian Parliament in organising a regional meeting of the Network in Jordan in November 2019;
- **Next meetings:** *(date tbc and subject to the authorisation of the Bureau and the availability of funds)*
  - Istanbul (Turkey), 10 June 2019;
  - Tbilisi (Georgia), 16 December 2019.

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