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To the members of the Sub-Committee on Diasporas and the Sub-Committee on Integration

of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons

Synopsis of the meeting held in Istanbul, Turkey on 10 June 2019

The **Sub-Committee on Diasporas** and the **Sub-Committee on Integration** meeting in Istanbul (Turkey) on 10 June 2019 with Mr Duarte Marques (Portugal, EPP/CD) and Mr Domagoj Hajduković (Croatia, SOC) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Annual Diaspora Forum of the Parliamentary Network on Diaspora Policies on “The democratic participation of diaspora”, in Istanbul (Turkey) on 10 June 2019:** took part in the annual diaspora forum hosted by the Parliament of Turkey and organised by the Parliamentary Network on Diaspora Policies, and heard the following speakers:
 - **Mr Akif Çağatay Kılıç**, Chairperson of the Turkish Delegation to PACE;
 - **Mr Duarte Marques**, Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Diasporas and Coordinator of the Parliamentary Network on Diaspora Policies;
 - **Mr Domagoj Hajduković**, Vice-chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Integration;
 - **Mr Adem Günayden**, Head of Delegation, Citizens Abroad Unit of the Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities;
 - **Ms Serap Yaşar**, Vice-Chairperson of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons of the PACE and Member of Parliament, Turkey;
 - **Ms Gökay Akbulut**, Member of Parliament, Germany;
 - **Mr Yonous Muhammadi**, President of the Greek Forum of Refugees;
 - **Dr Damla B. Aksel**, Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey;
 - **Ms Laurence Helaili-Chapuis**, Conseillère Consulaire in Ireland, l'Assemblée des Français de l'étranger;
 - **Mr Bülent Bilgi**, President of the Union of International Democrats, Germany;
 - **Mr Suad Arnautović**, Member of the Central Election Commission of Bosnia and Herzegovina;
 - **Ms Fiona Godfrey**, British in Europe;
 - **Ms Suzanne Monkasa**, The Platform of Women of the Congolese Diaspora of Belgium;
 - **Mr Andrej N. Lushnycky**, The Ukrainian Society in Switzerland;
- **Future activities of the Sub-Committee on Diasporas:** agreed to organise the next Network conference in Georgia on 16 December 2019 (subject to the authorisation by the Bureau to hold a Sub-Committee meeting on this occasion and the availability of funds);
- **Next meetings:**
 - Sub-Committee on Integration: Strasbourg, 24 June 2019;
 - Sub-Committee on Diasporas: Tbilisi (Georgia), 16 December 2019 (*date tbc and subject to the authorisation of the Bureau and the availability of funds*).

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