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

Synopsis

of the meetings held in Strasbourg from 30 September to 3 October 2024

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, meeting in Strasbourg, with Mr Oleksii Goncharenko (Ukraine, EC/DA), Chairperson, in the Chair,

- on **Monday, 30 September 2024, from 14:00 to 14:45**, as regards:
 - **Debate under urgent procedure on “Missing persons, prisoners of war and civilians in captivity as a result of the war of aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine”**: appointed Ms Mariia Mezentseva-Fedorenko (Ukraine, EPP/CD) as rapporteur and heard from her a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
 - **Work programme**: called for candidates for the role of Youth Rapporteur;
 - **Authorisations by the Committee**: authorised:
 - Mr Petri Honkonen (Finland, ALDE), in his capacity as Rapporteur on "Artificial intelligence and migration", to participate in the Sub-Committee on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights in Geneva, on 18-19 November 2024 (*at no cost to the Assembly*)
 - Mr Julian Pahlke (Germany, SOC), in his capacity Rapporteur on “Missing migrants, refugees and asylum seekers – A call to clarify their fate” to participate in an online meeting with the Exeter Law School (Human Rights and Democracy Forum) on 4 December 2024, to discuss the recommendations of his report as adopted during the fourth part-session (*at no cost to the Assembly*)
 - Mr Julian Pahlke (Germany, SOC), in his capacity as Rapporteur on “Missing migrants, refugees and asylum seekers – A call to clarify their fate” to present his report to the German Representation to the Council of Europe and to other Permanent Representations interested, in Strasbourg, on 3 October 2024 (*at no cost to the Assembly*)
 - **Request to be seized for opinion**: decided to ask the Bureau of the Assembly to refer to it for opinion the report on “Analysis and guidelines to guarantee the right to housing and to decent housing”;
 - **Appointments**: appointed:
 - Mr Ionuț-Marian Stroe (Romania, EPP/CD) and Mr Branislav Borenović (Bosnia and Herzegovina, EPP/CD) and (on 2 October) Ms Sena Nur Çelik Kanat (Türkiye, NR) to the Ad hoc committee of the Bureau to participate in the Council of Europe Parliamentary Conference on "Promoting safety, integrity, equality and inclusion in sport" (4-5 November 2024, Athens, Greece) (*at no cost to the Assembly*);
 - Ms Arusyak Julhakyany (Armenia, EPP/CD) and (on 2 October) Ms Sena Nur Çelik Kanat (Türkiye, NR) and Ms Pelin Yılık (Türkiye, NR) to the Ad hoc committee of the Bureau to participate in the Conference

of the European Parliamentary Technology Assessment Network (EPTA) (21 October 2024 Oslo, Norway) (*at no cost to the Assembly*);

- **Changes in the composition of the Sub-Committees:** approved the following changes:

Sub-Committee on Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Human Beings

- Ms Jamila Madeira (Portugal, SOC) becoming an alternate member;
- Ms Britt Huybrechts (Belgium, EC/DA) becoming full member with Mr Julien Ribaud (Belgium, NR) her alternate;

Sub-Committee on Diaspora and Integration

- Ms Jessica Stegrud (Sweden, EC/DA) becoming a full member;
- Ms Anne Lambelin (Belgium, SOC) becoming a full member with Mr Gilles Verstraeten (Belgium, NR) her alternate;

Sub-Committee on Refugee and Migrant Children and Young People

- Mr Gilles Verstraeten (Belgium, NR) becoming a full member with Ms Anne Lambelin (Belgium, SOC) his alternate;

- **Next meetings:** took note of the meetings as follows:

- Ljubljana, Slovenia, 17-18 October 2024;
- Paris, 9 and 10 (morning) December 2024 (Council of Europe Office and Museum of History of Immigration)
- Strasbourg, 27-31 January 2025 (during the Assembly part-session)
- Paris, 11 March 2025, tbc (Council of Europe Office)
- Strasbourg, 7-11 April 2025 (during the Assembly part-session)
- Paris, 19 May 2025, tbc (Council of Europe Office)
- Strasbourg, 23-27 June 2025 (during the Assembly part-session)
- Strasbourg, 29 September-3 October 2025 (during the Assembly part-session)
- Place and date tbc, 16-17 October 2025
- Paris, 8 December 2025, tbc (Council of Europe Office);

- on **Tuesday, 1 October 2024, from 08:30 to 10:00**, as regards:

- **Exchange of views with the participation of Mr Michael O'Flaherty, Commissioner for Human Rights, Council of Europe:** had an exchange of views;
- **Debate under urgent procedure on “Missing persons, prisoners of war and civilians in captivity as a result of the war of aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine”** (*Rapporteur: Ms Mariia Mezentseva-Fedorenko, Ukraine, EPP/CD*): unanimously adopted a revised draft resolution and unanimously adopted a draft recommendation;
- **Missing migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers – A call to clarify their fate** (*Rapporteur: Mr Julian Pahlke, Germany, SOC*): due to time constraints, decided to postpone the hearing of the report back by the Rapporteur about his meetings with the DVI Unit and the Secretariat General of INTERPOL in July 2024 in Lyon (France), with the UN Committee on Enforced Disappearances and with the UN Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions in September 2024 in Geneva (Switzerland) for when the rapporteur will next attend a meeting of the committee; took position on 7 amendments to the draft resolution;
- **A shared European approach to address migrant smuggling** (*Rapporteur: Lord Simon Russell, United Kingdom, EC/DA*): took position on 7 amendments to the draft resolution;

- on **Wednesday, 2 October 2024, from 14:00 to 15:30**, as regards:

Debate under urgent procedure on “Missing persons, prisoners of war and civilians in captivity as a result of the war of aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine” (*Rapporteur: Ms*

Mariia Mezentseva-Fedorenko, Ukraine, EPP/CD); took note that no amendments had been tabled to the draft resolution nor the draft recommendation;

- **Immigration, one of the answers to Europe's demographic aging** (*Rapporteur: Ms Kate Osamor, United Kingdom, SOC*): considered and approved a draft report and adopted a draft resolution;
- **The challenges and needs of public and private actors involved in migration management** (*Rapporteur: Ms Sandra Zampa, Italy, SOC*): had an exchange of views with the participation of Ms Ana Maria Telbis, Council of Europe Programme on Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals (HELP), Head of Division a.i., Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law;
- **Ad hoc committee of the Bureau on “The Luxembourg Solutions”**, follow-up to the Resolution 2499 (2023) Addressing the specific challenges faced by the Belarusians in exile: heard an oral report by Mr Paul Galles (Luxembourg, EPP/CD) on the ad hoc committee of the Bureau, held on 6 and 7 June 2024 in Luxembourg; had an exchange of views with the participation of Ms Alexandra Mamaeva, Belarus People’s Embassies Coordinator.

The **Sub-Committee on Refugee and Migrant Children and Young People** (of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons) jointly with the Sub-Committee on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights (of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights), held a meeting in Strasbourg on Thursday 3 October 2024, co-chaired by Ms Arusyak Julhakyan (Armenia, EPP/CD), and Mr Damien Cottier (Switzerland, ALDE), respective Chairpersons of the Sub-Committees, as regards:

- **Artificial Intelligence (AI) and migration** (*Rapporteur: Mr Petri Honkonen, Finland, ALDE*): held an exchange of views with the participation of: Mr Kristian Bartholin, Head of the Digital Development Unit, Secretary of the Committee on Artificial Intelligence (CAI) of the Council of Europe, Ms Mariam Tartousy, Representative of the Advisory Council on Youth (CCJ), Council of Europe (online), Ms Niovi Vavoula, Associate Professor in Cyber Policy at the University of Luxembourg, Ms Ludivine Stewart, PhD Researcher, Law department, European University Institute, Dr William Jones, Associate Professor, Royal Holloway University of London;
- **Next meeting of the Sub-Committee on Refugee and Migrant Children and Young People** (of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons): proposed to hold the next meeting during the first part-session 2025.

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