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

### Synopsis

of the meeting held in Ljubljana, Slovenia, on 17 and 18 October 2024

**The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons**, meeting in Ljubljana, Slovenia, on 17 and 18 October 2024 with Mr Oleksii Goncharenko (Ukraine, EC/DA), Chairperson, in the Chair, with the participation of Ms Despina Chatzivassiliou-Tsovilis, Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly:

- **on Thursday, 17 October 2024 from 09:30 to 13:00**, as regards:
  - **Welcome address:** heard a welcome address by Ms Urška Klakočar Zupančič, President of the National Assembly, Republic of Slovenia and Ms Tamara Vonta, Chairperson of the Slovenian Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly;
  - **Declaration on the occasion of the European Anti-Trafficking Day:** considered and unanimously adopted the draft declaration calling for greater protection of migrant workers against labour exploitation in line with CM/Rec(2022)21 on preventing and combating trafficking in human beings for the purpose of labour exploitation;
  - **Putting an end to collective expulsions of aliens** (*Rapporteur: Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez, Switzerland, SOC*): held an exchange of views with the participation of Dr Polona Mozetič, expert at the Human Rights Ombudsperson's office of the Republic of Slovenia;
  - **Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Migration** (*Rapporteur: Mr Petri Honkonen, Finland, ALDE*): considered a draft outline; held an exchange of views with the participation of Dr Aleksander Pur, expert on AI and security and of Ms Petra Molnar, Associate Director, Refugee Law Lab, York University (online);
  - **Exchange of views with the participation of Mr David Best, Special Representative of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe on Migration and Refugees, on 2025 outlook:** held an exchange of views;
- **on Thursday, 17 October 2024 from 14:30 to 17:30**, as regards:
  - **Statement by Ms Despina Chatzivassiliou-Tsovilis, Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly:** heard her statement;
  - **Follow-up on report on “A shared European approach to address migrant smuggling”** (*Rapporteur: Lord Simon Russell, United Kingdom, EC/DA*): heard a report back by the Rapporteur about his participation in the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Migrant Smuggling, on 10-11 September 2024, at the Council of Europe; held an exchange of views with the participation of Mr Robert Renier, Senior State Prosecutor-Counsellor, Head of District State Prosecutor's Office in Krško and member of the Council of Europe Network of Prosecutors on Migrant Smuggling;
  - **Saving migrants' lives at sea and protecting their human rights** (*Rapporteur: Mr Paulo Pisco, Portugal, SOC*): held an exchange of views with the participation of Dr Omer Shatz, Legal Director at front-LEX and Senior Fellow, Rule of Law clinic, the Democracy Institute, Central European University (CEU), and of Ms Anna di Bari, Board Member at Sea-Eye;
  - **Ad hoc Sub-Committee to carry out a fact-finding visit to Sicily (Italy):** heard an oral report by Mr Paul Gavan (Ireland, UEL), Chairperson of the ad hoc Sub-Committee, of the conclusions of the fact-finding visit

to Sicily (16-18 September 2024); and decided to declassify the report related to this visit in the aim to publish it on the Parliamentary Assembly website;

- **on Friday, 18 October 2024 from 9:00 to 12:30**, as regards:
  - **The challenges and needs of public and private actors in migration management** (*Rapporteur: Ms Sandra Zampa, Italy, SOC*): held an exchange of views with the participation of Ms Giusy D'Alconzo, Institutional Relations and Advocacy Manager at Save the Children Italy, of Mr Gianfranco Schiavone, representative of the Italian Consortium of Solidarity, of Ms Urša Regvar, Head of Asylum and Migration at PIC, and of Ms Alexandra Mamaeva, Coordinator and Representative of the People's Embassy of Belarus in Slovenia;
  - **Call for candidates**: called for candidates for rapporteur for opinion on “Analysis and guidelines to guarantee the right to housing and to decent housing” [[Doc. 15566](#)];
  - **Next meetings**: took note of its next meetings as follows:
    - 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);
  - **Round table on “Precarious and irregular work situations of migrant workers”**: heard welcome remarks by Ms Tamara Vonta (Slovenia, ALDE), Chairperson of the Slovenian Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly, Vice-Chairperson of the Committee; held a panel discussion moderated by Ms Tereza Novak, Chair of the Committee of the Interior, Public Administration and Local Self-Government, National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia; with the participation of Ms Diana Stoica (Romania, ALDE), Rapporteur, for follow-up on [Resolution 2536 \(2024\)](#) “Precarious and irregular work situations of migrant seasonal and domestic workers”, of Mr Aleš Bučar Ručman, professor of sociology at Faculty of Criminal Justice and Security, University of Maribor, Slovenia, of Ms Kate Osamor (United Kingdom, SOC), and of Mr Goran Lukić, representative of the Counselling Office for Workers, Slovenia, followed by concluding remarks by Ms Vonta.

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