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

Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris, on 9 December 2024

The Sub-Committee on Diasporas and Integration, meeting in Paris, on 9 December 2024, from 09:00 to 10:00, with Lord Leslie Griffiths (United Kingdom, SOC), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Open discussion on the future work of the sub-committee:** held a discussion on the future work of the sub-committee;
- **Next meeting:** agreed to hold its next meeting in 2025.

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, meeting in Paris, on 9 December 2024, from 10:00 to 12:30 and from 14:00 to 16:10, with Mr Oleksii Goncharenko (Ukraine, EC/DA), Chairperson, and, from 16:10 to 16:40 with Ms Kate Osamor (United Kingdom, SOC), 1st Vice-Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **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 Ms Sophie Beau, General Director of SOS Méditerranée France, Ms Marie Michel, Advocacy Manager at SOS Humanity, Germany, and Mr Klaas van Dijken, Director of Lighthouse Reports, The Netherlands;
- **Discussion on priorities for 2025:** discussed the possible motions for Resolutions for 2025;
- **Putting an end to collective expulsions of aliens** (*Rapporteur: Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez, Switzerland, SOC*): held an exchange of views with the participation of Mr Jonas Grimheden, Fundamental Rights Officer, Frontex, Ms Dominique Simonnot, Inspector General of Places of Deprivation of Liberty, France, Ms Marjane Ghaem, Attorney at law, France, Ms Marianna Wartecka, Member of the Board, Director of Partnerships and Advocacy, Ocalenie Foundation, Poland;
- **The challenges and needs of public and private actors involved in migration management** (*Rapporteur: Ms Sandra Zampa, Italy, SOC*): held an exchange of views with the participation of Ms Carla Ferstman, Professor at the University of Essex, United Kingdom, Ms Chloe Marshall-Denton, Humanitarian Advisor at Médecins Sans Frontières Belgium, and Ms Silvia Carta, Advocacy Officer at PICUM – Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants, Belgium;
- **Call for candidates for rapporteur:** called for candidates for rapporteur for the report on “Frontline States: the role of the Council of Europe in implementing the EU Pact on Migration and Asylum” and took note of the interest of Ms Christiana Erotokritou (Cyprus, SOC);
- **Authorisations by the Committee:** authorised Mr Julian Pahlke (Germany, SOC), in his capacity as Rapporteur for follow-up on [Resolution 2569 \(2024\)](#) “Missing migrants, refugees and asylum seekers – A call to clarify their fate”, to present the Resolution during the meeting of the Network of Focal Points on Migration convened by the Special Representative of the Secretary General on migration and refugees in Strasbourg, on 12 December 2024 (*at no cost to the Assembly*); also authorised Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC), in his capacity as Rapporteur on “Putting an end to collective expulsions of aliens” to participate in the round table “International solidarity and new vulnerabilities” of the conference “Exiles: a

duty of hospitality", to be organised by the International League against Racism and Antisemitism (LICRA) in Strasbourg, on 8 February 2025 (*at no cost to the Assembly*);

- **Proposal to set up an ad hoc committee of the Bureau for PACE participation in the conference on the follow-up to the [Resolution 2569 \(2024\)](#) “Missing migrants, refugees and asylum seekers – A call to clarify their fate”** (Strasbourg, date in the first semester of 2025 tbc): agreed to ask the Bureau to set up an *ad hoc* Committee for PACE participation in the above-mentioned conference;
- **Call for candidates Vigdís Prize for Women's Empowerment:** called for candidates;
- **Other business:** heard a statement by Lord Leslie Griffiths informing about the reading of a private member's bill at the House of Lord on 13 December 2024 which aims to extend the eligibility period for asylum seekers to receive public support from 28 to 56 days. The committee expressed its unanimous support to this initiative, seconding Lord Griffiths' call that such a mechanism be adopted as a lasting policy measure;
- **Next meetings:** took note of the meetings in 2025 to be held as follows:
 - Strasbourg, 27-31 January 2025 (during the Assembly part-session)
 - Paris, 11 March 2025 (Council of Europe Office)
 - Strasbourg, 7-11 April 2025 (during the Assembly part-session)
 - Paris, 19 May 2025 (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, 20-21 October 2025
 - Paris, 8 December 2025 (Council of Europe Office)

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