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

Synopsis of the meetings held in Strasbourg on 24 and 26 June 2025

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, meeting in Strasbourg on 24 and 26 June 2025, with Mr Oleksii Goncharenko (Ukraine, ECPA), chairperson, in the Chair:

- on **Tuesday 24 June 2025**, from 08:30 to 08:45, as regards:
 - **Urgent procedure debate: “Global peace under threat: halting the humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza and addressing the wider conflict in the Middle-East”**: appointed Mr Paul Galles (Luxembourg, EPP/CD) rapporteur for opinion;
- on **Tuesday 24 June 2025**, from 14:00 to 15:30, as regards:
 - **Urgent procedure debate: “Global peace under threat: halting the humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza and addressing the wider conflict in the Middle-East”** (*rapporteur for opinion: Mr Paul Galles, Luxembourg, EPP/CD; rapporteur of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy: Ms Ingjerd Schie Schou, Norway, EPP/CD*): considered and approved an opinion including 21 amendments to the draft resolution adopted by the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy;
 - **Artificial Intelligence and migration** (*rapporteur: Mr Petri Honkonen, Finland, ALDE*): heard an oral report by the rapporteur on his fact-finding visit to Frontex, Warsaw, Poland, on 6 May 2025; considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution and adopted a draft recommendation, as amended;
- on **Thursday 26 June 2025**, from 08:30 to 10:00, as regards:
 - **Invitation to hold a meeting in London, United Kingdom, on 20-21 October 2025**: at the invitation of the Chairperson of the British delegation, decided to hold a meeting in London, United Kingdom, on 20-21 October 2025, authorised by the Bureau of the Assembly on 27 June 2025 (*subject to the availability of funds*);
 - **General Rapporteur on European migration and asylum policies**: adopted the terms of reference of the General Rapporteur and transmitted it to the Bureau of the Assembly;
 - **Saving the lives of migrants at sea and protecting their human rights** (*rapporteur: Mr Paulo Pisco, Portugal, SOC*): took note that no amendments had been tabled to the draft resolution nor the draft recommendation; heard the information about the article co-authored by Mr Paulo Pisco and Mr Julian Pahlke entitled “Shaping policy responses to missing migrants through the Council of Europe” in the 75th issue of the Forced Migration Review on “Dangerous journeys: Saving lives and responding to missing migrants and refugees”;
 - **The challenges and needs of public and private actors involved in migration management** (*rapporteur: Ms Sandra Zampa, Italy, SOC*): took note that no amendments had been tabled to the draft resolution;

- **Reporting back:** heard Mr Dimitrios Mantzos (Greece, SOC), chairperson and Ms Stephanie Krisper (Austria, ALDE), vice-chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Human Beings on their participation in the Expert Consultation on the Smuggling of Migrants Legislative Guide and Model Legislative Provisions organised by the UNODC in Vienna, Austria on 4 and 5 June 2025; also heard Ms Larysa Bilozir (Ukraine, ALDE), representative of the committee to the PACE parliamentary network on the situation of the children of Ukraine on the network's visit to Kyiv, Ukraine (9-10 June 2025);

- **Composition of the sub-committees:** approved the following modifications:

Sub-Committee on Refugee and Migrant Children and Young People

Mr Pierre Lamely (Germany, ECPA) to become full member and Ms Ellen Demuth (Germany, EPP/CD) his alternate;

Sub-Committee on Diasporas and Integration

Ms Hülya Düber (Germany, EPP/CD) to become full member and Mr Frank Schwabe (Germany, SOC) her alternate;

Sub-Committee on Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Human Beings

Mr Johannes Volkmann (Germany, EPP/CD) to become full member and Mr Adam Balten (Germany, ECPA) his alternate;

Mr Branislav Borenović (Bosnia and Herzegovina, EPP/CD) to become full member.

- **Work programme:**

- appointed Ms Pelin Yılık (Türkiye, NR) rapporteur for report "Migrants' and refugees' access to healthcare";
- postponed the appointment of a rapporteur for opinion "The deterioration of women's rights in Afghanistan: a need for global response";
- authorised Ms Kate Osamor, first vice-chairperson of the committee to participate in the side-event on "Research and policy making on migration issues: an impossible dialogue?" organised alongside the IMISCOE Conference (International Migration Research Network) in Aubervilliers, France on 2 July 2025 (*at no cost to the Assembly*);

- **European Holocaust Memorial Day for Roma and Sinti** (Auschwitz-Birkenau, Poland, 2 August 2025): appointed Ms Pelin Yılık (Türkiye, NR) to sit in the *ad hoc* committee of the Bureau to participate in the Memorial Day (*participation at no cost to the Assembly*);

- **2025 Word Forum for Democracy** (Strasbourg, 4-7 November): appointed Ms Albana Vokshi (Albania, EPP/CD) and Ms Pelin Yılık (Türkiye, NR) to sit in the *ad hoc* committee of the Bureau to participate in the Forum (*participation at no cost to the Assembly*);

- **Conference on Artificial Intelligence** (London, United Kingdom, 15-16 December 2025): appointed Ms Meryem Göka (Türkiye, NR), Mr Oleksii Goncharenko (Ukraine, ECPA), Mr Petri Honkonen (Finland, ALDE), Ms Sena Nur Çelik Kanat (Türkiye, NR) and Ms Pelin Yılık (Türkiye, NR) to sit in the *ad hoc* committee of the Bureau to participate in the conference (*participation at no cost to the Assembly*);

- **Other business:** heard a presentation of the report "Human rights in Ukraine 2014-2025", by Mr Borys Zakharov, director of the Charitable Foundation "Human and Law" and expert of the Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group;

- **Next meetings:** took note of its next meetings as follows:

- Strasbourg, 29 September-3 October 2025 (during the Assembly 4th part-session);
- London, United Kingdom, 20-21 October 2025 (subject to the availability of funds);
- Paris, 8 December 2025 (Council of Europe office).

The Sub-Committee on Refugee and Migrant Children and Young People, meeting in Strasbourg on 26 June 2025, from 14:00 to 15:00, with Ms Sandra Zampa (Italy, SOC), oldest member present, in the Chair (in the absence of Ms Arusyak Julhakyak, chairperson of the sub-committee), as regards:

- **election of the sub-committee's vice-chairperson:** elected by acclamation Ms Sandra Zampa vice-chairperson;
- **Evaluation of the integration of a youth perspective in Council of Europe work:** held an exchange of views with the participation of: Ms Nina Grmuša, chairperson of the Joint Council on Youth and of the Advisory Council on Youth – on the *proposals for reflecting youth's perspective and enhancing youth participation in policy-making in the field of migration*; Mr Sulkhani Chargeishvili, Youth Educational Advisor, Youth Department, Council of Europe – on the *proposals for reflecting youth's perspective and enhancing youth participation in policy-making in the field of migration*; Mr Robert Stryk, Director of Internal Oversight, Council of Europe – on the *key recommendations on how to enhance the integration of a youth perspective in policy-making at the Council of Europe*; Mr Malcolm Cox, Senior Evaluator, Directorate of Internal Oversight (DIO), Council of Europe – on *additional points on follow-up to the DIO report*; Mr Tobias Flessenkemper, Head of Youth Department, Directorate General of Democracy and Human Dignity, Council of Europe – on the *follow-up to DIO report and cooperation with PACE Youth Rapporteurs*.
- **date and place of the next meeting:** left it to its chairperson to convene the next meeting.

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