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

Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 29, 30 September and 2 October 2025

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, meeting in Strasbourg on 29, 30 September and 2 October 2025, with Mr Oleksii Goncharenko (Ukraine, ECPA), chairperson, in the Chair:

- on **Monday 29 September 2025**, from 14:30 to 15:00, as regards:
 - **Debate under urgent procedure: “Urgent call to put an end to the devastating humanitarian catastrophe and the killing of journalists in Gaza”**: appointed by acclamation Lord Michael German (United Kingdom, ALDE) rapporteur and heard from him a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
 - **Analysis and guidelines to guarantee the right to housing** (*rapporteur for opinion: Mr Paul Galles, Luxembourg, EPP/CD, rapporteur of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development: Ms Aurora Floridia, Italy, SOC*): considered and approved an opinion including 6 amendments to the draft resolution adopted by the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development;
- on **Tuesday 30 September 2025**, from 14:00 to 15:30, as regards:
 - **Exchange of views with Mr Arthur Erken, Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia, International Organization for Migration (IOM)**: held the exchange of views;
 - **Debate under urgent procedure: “Urgent call to put an end to the devastating humanitarian catastrophe and the killing of journalists in Gaza”** (*rapporteur: Lord Michael German, United Kingdom, ALDE*): adopted a draft resolution as amended and changed the title in French;
- on **Thursday 2 October 2025**, from 08:30 to 10:00, as regards:
 - **Debate under urgent procedure: “Urgent call to put an end to the devastating humanitarian catastrophe and the killing of journalists in Gaza”** (*rapporteur: Lord Michael German, United Kingdom, ALDE*): took position on 3 amendments to the draft resolution and decided to submit an oral amendment to the draft resolution;
 - **Work programme:**
 - postponed the appointment of a rapporteur for opinion “The deterioration of women’s rights in Afghanistan: a need for global response”; took note of the interest of Ms Sena Nur Çelik Kanat (Türkiye, NR) in addition to Mr Vladimir Đorđević’s interest (Serbia, ECPA); Ms Sandra Zampa (Italy, SOC) having withdrawn her candidature;
 - called for candidates for rapporteur for report on “Facilitating economic recovery and resilience of Ukraine: from voluntary returns to enhanced co-operation and investment”; took note of the interest of: Mr Paul Galles (Luxembourg, EPP/CD), Mr Denis Begic (Sweden, SOC), and Mr Petri Honkonen (Finland, ALDE);

- authorised Lord Leslie Griffiths (United Kingdom, SOC), chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Diasporas and Integration, to participate in the 8th meeting of the Committee of Experts on Intercultural inclusion (ADI-INT), on 14-15 October 2025 (online) (*at no cost to the Assembly*);
- called for candidates for the role of the *General Rapporteur on European migration and asylum policies*; took note of the interest of: Lord Michael German (United Kingdom, ALDE), Mr Oleksii Goncharenko (Ukraine, ECPA) and Ms Sandra Zampa (Italy, SOC);
- **Reporting back:** heard Ms Pelin Yılık (Türkiye, NR) on her participation in the hearing of the *No Hate Parliamentary Alliance* (30 September 2025, Strasbourg);
- **Composition of the sub-committees:** approved the following changes:
 - Sub-Committee on Diasporas and Integration
Mr Arminas Lydeka (Lithuania, ALDE) to become a full member;
Ms Jessica Stegrud (Sweden, ECPA) to become a full member;
Mr Fabian Molina (Switzerland, SOC) to become a full member;
 - Sub-Committee on Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Human Beings
Mr Arminas Lydeka (Lithuania, ALDE) to become a full member;
Mr Fabian Molina (Switzerland, SOC) to become an alternate member;
- **Next meetings:** took note of its next meetings as follows:
 - London, United Kingdom, 20-21 October 2025
 - Paris, 8 December 2025 (Council of Europe office);
- on **Thursday 2 October 2025**, from 14:30 to 15:00, as regards:
- **Artificial Intelligence and migration** (*rapporteur: Mr Petri Honkonen, Finland, ALDE*): took position on 1 amendment to the draft resolution.

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