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

Synopsis of the meeting held in London on 20-21 October 2025

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, meeting in London, Houses of Parliament on 20-21 October 2025, with Mr Oleksii Goncharenko (Ukraine, ECPA), chairperson, in the Chair:

- on **Monday 20 October 2025**, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 14:30 to 18:00, as regards:
 - **Welcome address:** heard a welcome address by Ms Kate Osamor (United Kingdom, SOC), first vice-chairperson of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, member of the House of Commons, UK Parliament;
 - **The role of diasporas and migrants in building social cohesion and progress** (*rapporteur: Lord Leslie Griffiths, United Kingdom, SOC*): considered an outline report; held exchange of views with Ms Nana Anto-Awuakye, Engagement Coordinator, African Catholic Diaspora (England & Wales), CAFOD and pupils from Central Foundation Schools of London (borough of Islington and borough of Tower Hamlets);
 - **Migrants' and refugees' access to healthcare** (*rapporteur: Ms Pelin Yılık, Türkiye, NR*): considered an outline report; authorised a fact-finding visit to take place in 2026, in Montenegro; held an exchange of views with the participation of Ms Sally Hargreaves, Professor of Clinical Public Health, City St George's, University of London and Ms Inka Weissbecker, expert on Mental Health, Brain Health and Substance Use, World Health Organization;
 - **Work programme:** appointed following a vote, Mr Denis Begic (Sweden, SOC) rapporteur for report on "Facilitating economic recovery and resilience of Ukraine: from voluntary returns to enhanced co-operation and investment" and heard from him a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
 - **Keynote Address on the "Rule of law and migration policy: reflections on the case law of the European Court of Human Rights"** by Mr Tim Eicke K.C, Essex Court Chambers, London, Judge at the European Court of Human Rights (2016 – 2025): heard the keynote address;
 - **Exchange of views with Mr Kristoffer Tamsons (Sweden, R, EPP/CCE), Deputy Thematic Spokesperson on migration and integration, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, Council of Europe:** held an exchange of views;
 - **Address by Lord Alfred Dubs, member of the Justice and Home Affairs Committee, House of Lords, UK Parliament:** heard the address;
 - **Reporting back:** heard Mr Denis Begic (Sweden, SOC), member of the committee on behalf of Mr Paulo Pisco, former committee member, on his participation in the event "Stocktaking Event on GRF Pledges | From Pledges to Practice: Scaling Up Responses on Alternatives to Detention, Protection at Sea and Trafficking" organised by the UNHCR in Geneva on 7 July 2025;
 - **Work programme:** appointed, following a vote:

- Ms Sena Nur Çelik Kanat (Türkiye, NR) rapporteur for opinion on “The deterioration of women’s rights in Afghanistan: a need for global response” and heard from her a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;

With Ms Kate Osamor (United Kingdom, SOC), first vice-chairperson, in the Chair:
appointed, following a vote:

- Lord Michael German (United Kingdom, ALDE) General Rapporteur on European migration and asylum policies and heard from him a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
- **Next meeting:** took note of its next meeting:
 - Paris, 8 December 2025 (Council of Europe office);
- on **Tuesday 21 October 2025**, from 09:30 to 11:30, with Ms Kate Osamor, first vice-chairperson and rapporteur for follow-up of the Resolution 2586 (2025) in the Chair, as regards:
 - **Round table “Immigration as a strategic response to demographic ageing: Implementing PACE Resolution 2586 (2025)”**: held a round table with the participation of Ms Emily Farchy, Senior administrator in IMD, OECD, Ms Christa Rottensteiner, IOM London Chief of Mission, IOM, Dr Serena Franco, head of international projects of the municipality of Camini, Italy, Mr John Hampson, volunteer for the SAI project of the municipality of Camini, Italy, Ms Maddie Harris, Director and Founder of Humans for Rights Network, Ms Charlotte Khan, Head of Advocacy & Public Affairs, Care4Calais, Mr Johannes Boehmer, Vice-Governor, CEB.

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