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

Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris on 8 December 2025

The Sub-Committee on Diasporas and Integration, meeting in Paris on 8 December 2025, with Lord Leslie Griffiths (United Kingdom, SOC), chairperson of the Sub-Committee, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Exchange of views with #DiasporaVote!:** held an exchange of views with Ms Sawsane Djazouli, Policy and Communications Officer, #DiasporaVote!, a nonprofit organisation aimed at offering more representation and inclusion to racialised communities living in Europe;
- **Date and place of the next meeting:** left it to the chairperson to convene the next meeting.

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, meeting in Paris on 8 December 2025, with Mr Oleksii Goncharenko (Ukraine, ECPA), chairperson, in the Chair, with the participation of Mr Theodoros Rousopoulos, President of the Parliamentary Assembly, as regards:

- **Exchange of views with Mr Theodoros Rousopoulos, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe:** held an exchange of views with the President;
- **Statement by the chairperson of the committee:** heard the statement by the chairperson and was informed that, as from January 2026, Ms Tanja Kleinsorge will take on the role of the head of the committee secretariat, Ms Tatiana Termacic taking on the role of the head of the secretariat of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media;
- **New Democratic Pact for Europe:** heard an oral report from Ms Albana Vokshi (Albania, EPP/CD) on the second meeting of the *ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau on the New Democratic Pact, which took place on 4 November 2025, in Strasbourg;
- **Migrants' and refugees' access to healthcare** (*rapporteur: Ms Pelin Yılık, Türkiye, NR*): held an exchange of views with the participation of Ms Amira Yahiaoui, clinical psychologist at the Evelyne and Jean Kestemberg Centre for Psychoanalysis of ASM13, psychodramatist, temporary lecturer and researcher at the Institute of Humanities, Sciences and Societies (IHSS), Paris;
- **Priorities for 2026:** took note of the new committee name as from January 2026: "Committee on Migration, International Protection and Economic Co-operation" and new Terms of reference (see Art. 5.3., [Resolution 2633 \(2025\)](#) "Modification of various provisions of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure") and held a discussion on future priorities, including with regard to economic co-operation issues, to be integrated into the committee's mandate;
- **Frontline States: the role of the Council of Europe in implementing the EU Pact on Migration and Asylum** (*rapporteur: Ms Christiana Erotokritou, Cyprus, SOC*): held an exchange of views with the participation of Ms Paloma Favieres, General Director for Humanitarian Assistance and the Reception System for International Protection, Ministry of Inclusion, Social Security and Migration, Spain and Mr David Mancini, prosecutor, Council of Europe Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA);

- **Facilitating economic recovery and resilience of Ukraine: from voluntary returns to enhanced co-operation and investment** (*rapporteur: Mr Denis Begic, Sweden, SOC*): heard a statement by the rapporteur;
- **Parliamentary round table "The role of public policy to prevent and address disappearances of migrants", organised in Ankara by the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, in co-operation with the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye on 27 November 2025**: decided to declassify the [proceedings of the round table](#), prepared by the secretariat;
- **Work programme**: called for candidates for rapporteur for report on "Restricting citizenship rules: social cohesion and human rights at stake" ([Doc. 16274](#)) and took note of the interest of Lord Michael German (United Kingdom, ALDE);
- **Vigdís Prize for Women's Empowerment**: called for nominations for the 2026 Vigdís Prize for Women's Empowerment;
- **Other business**:
 - heard an oral report from Lord Leslie Griffiths (United Kingdom, SOC), on his participation, in his personal capacity, in the annual Sant'Egidio Conference, to which he was invited to speak on migration issues;
 - was informed by Mr Antonio Gutiérrez Limones (Spain, SOC) on his participation in the next plenary meeting of the European Commission for Democracy through Law ("Venice Commission"), during which the "draft report on freedom of expression, prohibition of hate speech and promotion of pluralism in the context of electoral campaigns" will be presented, following up on the recommendations made in Resolution 2525 (2024) "The theme of migration and asylum in election campaigns and its consequences on the reception of migrants and their rights";
- **Next meetings**: took note of its future meetings as follows:
 - Strasbourg, 26-30 January 2026 (during the 1st part-session of the Assembly)
 - Paris, 11 March 2026 (office of the Council of Europe)
 - Strasbourg, 20-24 April 2026 (during the 2nd part-session of the Assembly)
 - Paris, 12 May 2026 (office of the Council of Europe)
 - Strasbourg, 22-26 June 2026 (during the 3rd part-session of the Assembly)
 - Strasbourg, 28 September-2 October 2026 (during the 4th part-session of the Assembly)
 - Place and time to be confirmed, 22-23 October 2026
 - Paris, 1 December 2026 (office of the Council of Europe).

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