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

### Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris on 11 March 2025

**The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons**, meeting in Paris on 11 March 2025, from 09:30 to 12:10 and from 14:00 to 17:00, with Ms Kate Osamor (United Kingdom, SOC), 1<sup>st</sup> vice-chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Putting an end to collective expulsions of aliens** (*rapporteur: Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez, Switzerland, SOC*): heard an oral report by the rapporteur on his fact-finding visit to Spain on 13-17 January 2025; considered a draft report and adopted a draft resolution as amended, and a draft recommendation;
- **Artificial Intelligence and migration** (*rapporteur: Mr Petri Honkonen, Finland, ALDE*): held an exchange of views with the participation of Ms Frida Alizadeh Westerling, PhD candidate in Asylum Law and Technology, University of Helsinki, Trust-M (research project) and Ms Emilie Wiinblad Mathez, Senior Protection Coordinator, Division of International Protection, UNHCR;
- **Increasing members' active participation in and contribution to the work of the Parliamentary Assembly and its committees**: held a discussion on this issue and instructed the secretariat to prepare a reply to the Committee on Rules of Procedures, Immunities and Institutional Affairs based on members' comments;
- **Reporting back**: heard;
  - Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC), rapporteur on "Putting an end to collective expulsions of aliens" on his participation in the round table "International solidarity and new vulnerabilities" of the conference "Exiles: a duty of hospitality", organised by the International League against Racism and Antisemitism (LICRA) on 8 February 2025, in Strasbourg;
  - Mr Paul Galles (Luxembourg, EPP/CD), rapporteur for follow-up on the Resolution 2499 (2023) "Addressing the specific challenges faced by the Belarusians in exile" on his participation in the conference "Rights and Authoritarianisms: the Case of Belarus" on 6 and 7 March 2025, in Rome;
- **Composition of the Sub-Committees**: approved the following modifications:
  - Sub-Committee on Refugee and Migrant Children and Young People:  
Mr Pavlo Bakunets (Ukraine, ECPA), Mr Taras Batenko (Ukraine, NR) and Ms Sascha Faxe (Denmark, SOC) to become full members;
  - Sub-Committee on Diasporas and Integration:  
Ms Mariia Mezentseva-Fedorenko (Ukraine, EPP/CD), Ms Larysa Bilozir (Ukraine, ALDE) and Ms Charlotte Munch (Denmark, ECPA) to become full members;

Sub-Committee on Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Human Beings

Ms Larysa Bilozir (Ukraine, ALDE) and Ms Sacha Faxe (Denmark, SOC) to become full members;

- **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 Bérénice Gaudin, Advocacy Officer, Sea Watch, and Ms Elisa De Pieri, researcher, Europe regional office, Amnesty International;
- **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 Susanna Zanfrini, Director, International Rescue Committee in Italy, Ms Mariza Koronioti, Policy and Advocacy Coordinator, Jesuit Refugee Service Europe, and Mr Luca Perilli, judge at the specialised section for the international protection of the Court of Catania, Italy;
- **Parliamentary conference on “Envisioning effective public policy to prevent and address cases of missing migrants”**, in Strasbourg on 23-24 April 2025; appointed Mr Gonzalo Robles (Spain, EPP/CD), Ms Nerea Ahedo (Spain, ALDE) and Mr Dimitrios Markopoulos (Greece, EPP/CD) (in addition to the members appointed in January) to sit in the *ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau to participate in the conference (*participation at no cost to the Assembly*);
- **Meeting between parliamentarians from the Nordic Council and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe**, in Kristiansand, Norway, on 4-5 May 2025: appointed Mr Oleksii Goncharenko (Ukraine, ECPA) to sit in the *ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau to participate in the meeting (*participation at no cost to the Assembly*);
- **Work programme:**
  - appointed Ms Arusyak Julhakyan (Armenia, EPP/CD) Youth Rapporteur;
  - called for candidates for rapporteur for report on “The role of diasporas and migrants in building social cohesion and progress” and took note of the interest of Lord Leslie Griffiths (United Kingdom, SOC);
- **Other business:**
  - heard an oral report from Ms Christine Monty, President of the Committee on Migration Issues of the Conference of INGOs and from Mr Daniel Guéry, Vice-President, on the Committee field visit to Poland, on 10-14 February 2025;
- **Next meetings:** took note of its next meetings as follows:
  - 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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**The Sub-Committee on Diasporas and Integration**, meeting in Paris on 11 March 2025, from 12:10 to 12:20, with Ms Kate Osamor (United Kingdom, SOC), Committee 1<sup>st</sup> vice-chairperson, exceptionally in the Chair, and then Lord Leslie Griffiths (United Kingdom, SOC), chairperson of the Sub-Committee, as regards:

- **Election of the Sub-Committee's bureau:** re-elected by acclamation Lord Leslie Griffiths (United Kingdom, SOC) chairperson; postponed the election of the vice-chairperson to the next meeting in the absence of candidates;
- **Next meeting:** left it to the chairperson to convene the next meeting.

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**The Sub-Committee on Refugee and Migrant Children and Young People**, meeting in Paris on 11 March 2025, from 15:50 to 16:00, with Ms Kate Osamor (United Kingdom, SOC), Committee 1<sup>st</sup> vice-chairperson, exceptionally in the Chair, and then Ms Arusyak Julhakyany (Armenia, EPP/CD), chairperson of the Sub-Committee, as regards:

- **Election of the Sub-Committee's bureau:** re-elected by acclamation Ms Arusyak Julhakyany (Armenia, EPP/CD) as chairperson; postponed the election of the vice-chairperson to the next meeting in the absence of candidates;
- **Minutes:** agreed to declassify the minutes of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 3 October 2024;
- **Next meeting:** left it to the chairperson to convene the next meeting.

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