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To the members of the Committee on Migration, International Protection and Economic Co-operation

Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris on 11 September 2026

The Committee on Migration, International Protection and Economic Co-operation, meeting in Paris on 11 September 2026, from 09:30 to 12:30 and from 15:00 to 17:30, with Ms Sandra Zampa (Italy, SOC), chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **The role of diasporas and migrants in developing social cohesion and democratic engagement** (*rapporteur: Lord Leslie Griffiths, United Kingdom, SOC*): considered a draft report, adopted a draft resolution and took note of the explanatory memorandum, with a view to presentation of the report to the Assembly during the fourth part-session;
- **Motion for a resolution**: considered a draft motion for a resolution “Solidarity with Ceuta: a test case for Europe”;
- **Composition of the sub-committees**: approved the following modification:
Sub-Committee on Economic Co-operation and Development
Mr Franc Breznik (Slovenia, EPP/CD) to become a full member;
- **Call for candidates for a rapporteur for report**: called for candidates for reports on:
 - “Brain drain and demographic challenges in the Western Balkans”, and took note of the interest of Ms Albana Vokshi (Albania, EPP/CD);
 - “Migration and Europe’s colonial past: towards historical justice and democratic resilience” and took note of the interest of Mr Fabian Molina (Switzerland, SOC);
- **Committee representation**: called for candidates and nominated, for appointment by the Bureau of the Assembly:
 - Ms Albana Vokshi (Albania, EPP/CD), in addition to the previously appointed members, to the *ad hoc* committee of the Bureau to participate in the 2026 World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 2-3 November) (*participation at no cost to the Assembly*), and noted that Ms Larysa Bilozir (Ukraine, ALDE) was no longer available;
 - Ms Sena Nur Çelik Kanat (Türkiye, ALDE) and Mr Nicolla Camaj (Montenegro, ALDE), to the *ad hoc* committee of the Bureau to participate in the Anticipation Summit 2026 (Geneva, Switzerland, 14-15 October) (*participation at no cost to the Assembly*);
- **Safe and legal migration pathways: enhancing and implementing good practices** (*rapporteur: Mr Marco Scurria, Italy, ECPA*): in the absence of the rapporteur, held a public hearing with the participation of Mr Roberto Meneghello, Talent Mobility and Crossboarding Manager, Randstad Italia;

With Ms Larysa Bilozir (Ukraine, ALDE), chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Human Beings (in the absence of committee vice-chairpersons), in the Chair, as regards:

- **Council of Europe action to protect the human rights of migrants, asylum-seekers and refugees** (*rapporteur: Ms Sandra Zampa, Italy, SOC*): considered an introductory memorandum and held an exchange of views with the participation of:
 - Mr Gehad Madi, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants
 - Mr Mahmat Daoud, Spokesperson for the NGO Refugees in Libya and survivor of Libyan detention centres and
 - Ms Denise Mazzolani, Head of Office a.i. Council of Europe Office in Tunis (online);

With Ms Sandra Zampa (Italy, SOC), chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Respect for the confidentiality of Assembly documents:** took note of the letter from the chairperson of the Committee on Rules, Ethics and Immunities;
- **Reply by the Committee of Ministers:** took note of the following replies by the Committee of Ministers:
 - Reply to Assembly Recommendation 2298 (2025) on “Saving the lives of migrants at sea and protecting their human rights”;
 - Reply to Assembly Recommendation 2300 (2025) on “Artificial intelligence and migration”;
- **Work programme:** heard a report back by:
 - Ms Larysa Bilozir (Ukraine, ALDE) on her participation in the first meeting of the OECD Parliamentary Group on Artificial Intelligence (AI) (Paris, 11-12 June 2026);
 - Ms Sena Nur Çelik Kanat (Türkiye, NR), member of the *ad hoc* committee of the Bureau of the Assembly who participated in the 9th World Congress Against the Death Penalty (Paris, 30 June-2 July 2026);
 - Ms Larysa Bilozir (Ukraine, ALDE) on her participation (online) in the 38th meeting of the Committee of the Parties of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (Strasbourg, 3 July 2026);
- **General Rapporteur on European migration and asylum policies:** heard a statement by Lord Michael German (United Kingdom, ALDE), General Rapporteur;
- **Next meetings:** took note of its following meetings as below, including one additional meeting in Paris:
 - Strasbourg, 28 September-2 October 2026 (during the 4th part-session of the Assembly)
 - Istanbul, Türkiye, 16-17 November 2026 (subject to the authorisation of the Bureau of the Assembly) or Paris, 1 December 2026 (office of the Council of Europe)
 - **Paris, 14 December 2026, 9:30-13:00 (office of the Council of Europe).**

The Sub-Committee on Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Human Beings, meeting in Paris on 11 September 2026, from 14:00 to 15:00, with Ms Larysa Bilozir (Ukraine, ALDE), chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Exchange of views on smuggling:** held an exchange of views with the participation of:
 - Ms Emma Garnier Carrel, Junior Lawyer, Council of Europe Committee on Crime Problems (CDPC), Co-Secretary to the Committee of Experts on combatting the smuggling of migrants (PC-TM), on the ongoing intergovernmental work to develop a Committee of Ministers Recommendation on combatting migrant smuggling;
 - Mr Roberto Forin, Deputy Director, Mixed Migration Centre think-tank, Switzerland, on the presentation of the report “How Smuggling Really Works: Drivers, Operations, and Impacts”.

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