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

Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris on 19 May 2025

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, meeting in Paris on 19 May 2025, from 09:30 to 11:45 and from 14:00 to 16:00, with Mr Oleksii Goncharenko (Ukraine, ECPA), chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **The challenges and needs of public and private actors involved in migration management** (*rapporteur: Ms Sandra Zampa, Italy, SOC*): considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution;
- **Parliamentary conference on “Envisioning effective public policy to prevent and address cases of missing migrants”** (Strasbourg, on 23-24 April 2025): took note of the document “Conclusive remarks”, heard an oral report by Mr Emmanuel Fernandes (France, UEL), 2nd vice-chairperson of the committee and held an exchange of views;
- **The role of diasporas and migrants in building social cohesion and progress** (*rapporteur: Lord Leslie Griffiths, United Kingdom, SOC*): took note of the rapporteur’s letter addressed to all committee members; held an exchange of views with the participation of Ms Cybèle Leclerc, Youth and Financial Mechanism Monitoring Officer, Forum of migration-based international solidarity organisations (Forum des Organisations de Solidarité Internationale issues des Migrations - FORIM);
- **Follow-up to the Resolution 2555 (2024) Ensuring human rights-compliant asylum procedures** (*rapporteur for follow-up: Ms Stephanie Krisper, Austria, ALDE*): held an exchange of views with the participation of Mr Ward Lutin, Head of the Asylum Knowledge Centre, European Union Agency on Asylum (EUAA);
- **Discussion on the Chair’s upcoming statement on the occasion of the 2025 World Refugee Day**: held a discussion on this matter;
- **Composition of the Sub-Committees**: approved the following modifications:
 - Sub-Committee on Refugee and Migrant Children and Young People
Ms Elena Simona Spătaru (Romania, ALDE) to become alternate member of Mr Ionuț-Marian Stroe (already member);
 - Sub-Committee on Diasporas and Integration
Mr Sebastian Răducanu (Romania, SOC) to become full member and Mr Virgil Alin Chirilă (Romania, SOC) his alternate;
 - Sub-Committee on Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Human Beings
Ms Oana Murariu (Romania, ALDE) to become full member and Mr Fabian Cristian Radu (Romania, ECPA) her alternate;
- **Replies by the Committee of Ministers**: took note of the replies of the Committee of Ministers to Assembly Recommendation 2283 (2024) on “A shared European approach to address migrant smuggling” as well as on the Assembly Recommendation 2284 (2024) on “Missing migrants, refugees and asylum seekers – A call to clarify their fate”;

– **Work programme:**

- called for candidates for rapporteur for report on “Migrants’ and refugees’ access to healthcare” and took note of the interest of Ms Pelin Yılık (Türkiye, NR);
- called for candidates for rapporteur for opinion on “The deterioration of women’s rights in Afghanistan: a need for global response” and took note of the interest of Mr Vladimir Đorđević (Serbia, ECPA);
- authorised Mr Dimitrios Mantzos (Greece, SOC), chair and Ms Stephanie Krisper (Austria, ALDE), vice-chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Human Beings to participate in the Expert Consultation on the Smuggling of Migrants Legislative Guide and Model Legislative Provisions organised by the UNODC in Vienna, Austria on 4 and 5 June 2025 (*at no cost to the Assembly*);

– **Event organised by the PACE Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence, with the contribution of the committee on the topic of “Preventing and combating gender-based violence against women and girls on the move”** (25 June 2025, from 13:00 to 14:00, Strasbourg): took note of the information regarding the event;

– **Open discussion on current affairs:** heard a statement by Mr Andreas Wissner, UNHCR’s Representative to European Institutions in Strasbourg, on the situation of UNHCR after the major cuts in the UN budget and the subsequent impact on UNHCR’s capacity to promote and protect the rights of refugees across the world;

– **Next meetings:** took note of its next meetings as follows:

- 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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