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Committee on Migration Issues

Accommodation of migrants, a major issue for the respect of human rights.

FIELD VISIT TO POLAND

As part of its ongoing work and in line with its current mandate, the Committee on Migration issues is organizing a fact-finding mission to Poland from **February 10 to 14, 2025**. The purpose of this visit is twofold:

- to examine in greater depth **the issue of accommodation and access to fundamental rights for displaced persons**,
- and to monitor **developments in migration policies in Europe through analysis in the field**.

Poland was chosen as the destination because of its **key role in receiving displaced persons**, particularly from Ukraine, but also because of the challenges encountered on the border with Belarus. Poland is now **a key point** in the dynamics of European migration, where humanitarian, political and legal issues intersect.

The aim of this mission is **to assess the reception and housing conditions of displaced persons, and to understand the obstacles encountered both by the people affected and by NGOs in the field**. This analysis will feed into the Committee's work and contribute to a broader reflection on migration policies in Europe.

The Committee's four-member delegation will be hosted by Caritas Poland, and will meet with various players involved in migration issues:

- local NGOs involved in receiving and accompanying displaced persons,
- Representatives of national and local institutions,
- Asylum seekers and refugees themselves, to gather first-hand testimonies,
- Experts and researchers specializing in migration issues.

In addition to the institutional exchanges planned in Warsaw, field visits to the borders with Ukraine and Belarus will enable us to observe the realities on the ground and assess the measures in place to guarantee access to fundamental rights for people in migration situations.

The observations and testimonies gathered during this mission will be used to:

- Draw up an official recommendation for adoption by the Conference of INGOs;
- Contribute to the reflections of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities and the Commissioner for Human Rights;
- Strengthen NGO lobbying of European and national institutions;
- Pursue exchanges with local stakeholders to promote sustainable solutions for the accommodation and integration of displaced persons.

In a context where migration policies are constantly evolving, this mission to Poland represents an essential step in the work of the Migration Issues Committee, to provide expertise based on realities on the ground and to defend effective access to fundamental rights for all people in migration situations.

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