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**Observations of the Steering Committee on Anti-Discrimination, Diversity and Inclusion on
Parliamentary Assembly Recommendation 2207 (2021) “For a European policy on diasporas”**

1. The Steering Committee on Anti-Discrimination, Diversity and Inclusion (CDADI) takes note with interest of the adoption of Parliamentary Assembly Recommendation **2207 (2021) “For a European policy on diasporas”**, in particular the invitation addressed to the Committee of Ministers to consider working on good practices of diaspora engagement within member States and to evaluate diaspora engagement strategies in the light of Council of Europe standards for integration and inclusion.
2. The CDADI has developed a [Model Framework for an Intercultural Integration Strategy at the National Level](#) that offers inspiration and guidance for practitioners and policy-makers working in the field of inclusion. The intercultural integration model is not only valid for the integration of migrants, but also of other people with different backgrounds, and for the smooth adaptation of the whole society to its diverse fabric. Therefore, the inclusive integration of persons who consider themselves belonging to a diaspora could be comprehensively dealt with in the framework of intercultural integration strategies, which also care for their cultural, economic and social links with their country of origin. It would be useful if such policies also put a focus on migrants and minority groups.
3. Comprehensive integration strategies are regularly evaluated in the framework of Council of Europe monitoring, in particular by the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance, which dedicates a specific section of its 6th cycle monitoring reports to this topic. Existing fora for the work on integration policies could be used for international exchanges.