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

Synopsis of the meetings held in Paris, on 19 and 20 March 2024

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, meeting in Paris, on 19 and 20 March 2024:

- **The No Hate Parliamentary Alliance and the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons**, meeting in Paris on 19 March 2024, from 14:00 to 15:00, with Ms Mariia Mezentseva (Ukraine, EPP/CD), Chairperson of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination and Mr Oleksii Goncharenko (Ukraine, EC/DA), Chairperson of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Person, in the Chair, as regards:
 - **Approaching the theme of migration and asylum during election campaigns: policy instruments in preventing and combating hate speech:**
 - heard a statement by Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC), member of the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance and rapporteur for a report on “The theme of migration and asylum in election campaigns and the consequences on the welcoming and rights of migrants” (Resolution 2525 (2024));
 - held an exchange of views with the participation of:
 - Ms Laura Castel, member of the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance, member of the Council for Democratic Elections of the Council of Europe;
 - Mr Daris Lewis Recio, Legal and Policy Officer, European Network of Equality Bodies (EQUINET);
 - took note of the interest of participants to convey the outcome of the discussions to the Council for Democratic Election through a formal communication.
- **On Tuesday 19 March 2024, from 15:00 to 17:30**, with Mr Oleksii Goncharenko (Ukraine, EC/DA), Chairperson, in the chair, as regards:
 - **Immigration, one of the answers to Europe's demographic aging** (*Rapporteur: Ms Kate Osamor, United Kingdom, SOC*): considered an introductory memorandum and held an exchange of views with the participation of Mr Zakaria Ibrahim, online, cultural mediator of EUROCOOP Servizi “Jungi Mundu”, Italy, Ms Dragana Curovic, project manager at SällBo, Sweden and Ms Giulia Cortellesi, co-director at International Child Development Initiatives (ICDI), The Netherlands;
 - **Missing migrants, refugees and asylum seekers: a call to clarify their fate** (*Rapporteur: Mr Julian Pahlke, Germany, SOC*): held an exchange of views with the participation of Pr. Cristina Cattaneo, Full Professor of Forensic Medicine and Anthropology, Director of LABANOF, Laboratory of Anthropology and Forensic Odontology, University of Milan, Italy;
 - **Composition of the Sub-Committees**: approved the following changes: Ms Larysa Bilozir (Ukraine, ALDE) to become a full member of the Sub-Committee on Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Human Beings and full member of the Sub-Committee on Diasporas and Integration; Mr Ioannis Oikonomou (Greece, EPP/CD) to become alternate of Mr Anastasios (Tasos) Chatzivasileiou (Greece, EPP/CD) of the Sub-Committee on Refugee and Migrant Children and Young People; Ms Nina Kasimati (Greece, UEL) to become alternate of Mr Dimitrios Mantzos (Greece, SOC) of the Sub-Committee on Diasporas

and Integration; Mr Ioannis Oikonomou (Greece, EPP/CD) to become full member and Ms Nina Kasimati (Greece, UEL) to become alternate of the Sub-Committee on Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Human Beings; Mr Oleksii Goncharenko (Ukraine, EC/DA) to become full member of the Sub-Committee on Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Human Beings; Ms Sascha Faxe (Denmark, SOC) to become full member of the Sub-Committee on Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Human Beings and of the Sub-Committee on Refugee and Migrant Children and Young People ; Ms Charlotte Munch (Denmark, NR) to become full member of the Sub-Committee on Diasporas and Integration; Ms Rita Tamašunienė (Lithuania, EC/DA) to become full member of the Sub-Committee on Diasporas and Integration;

- **On Tuesday 19 March 2024, from 09:00 to 12:30 and from 14:00 to 17:00 pm**
- **Ad hoc Sub-Committee to carry out a fact-finding visit to Sicily (Italy):** held an exchange of views with the participation of Ms Fabienne Keller, member of the European Parliament, LIBE Committee, and Ms Annalisa Camilli, Journalist at Internazionale newsmagazine and author; constituted the ad hoc sub-committee to carry out a fact-finding visit to Sicily (Italy, last semester 2024, date tbc; subject to the authorisation by the Bureau of the Assembly); took note of the terms of reference and called for interest;
- **Missing migrants, refugees and asylum seekers: a call to clarify their fate** (*Rapporteur: Mr Julian Pahlke, Germany, SOC*): heard a debriefing by Mr Pahlke of his fact-finding mission to Greece (4-8 March 2024), on his meeting with the Belgian Presidency of the EU on 1 March 2024, and on his participation on 20 March in the online IOM event on “A decade of documenting missing migrants”, and held an exchange of views with the participation of Ms Giulia Bertoluzzi, film director of the documentary film “Strange Fish” on migrants going missing at sea in Tunisia, and Ms Susan Hitchin, Coordinator, DNA Unit, Forensics & Police Data Management Sub-Directorate, INTERPOL General Secretariat;
- **The use of explosive weapons as a major driver of justified displacement** (*Rapporteur: Mr Domagoj Hajduković, Croatia, SOC*): held an exchange of views with the participation of Mr Dejan Rendulić, Representative of the Mine Action Centre of the Civil Protection Directorate, Ministry of the Interior, Croatia, and Lieutenant-colonel Jean-Michel Granger, Head of the governance office of the function related to the treatment of the danger of ammunition and explosives in the French Army, France; approved the change of title on the report to become “Post-conflict time: defusing ticking time bombs for a safe return of displaced populations”;
- **Follow-up on the “Ad hoc Sub-Committee to carry out a fact-finding visit to Calais (France)”** (*Chair of the ad hoc sub-committee: Ms Stephanie Krisper, Austria, ALDE*): heard a statement by Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez, in the absence of the chair of the ad hoc sub-committee, and held an exchange of views with the participation of Ms Claire Hédon, Defender of Rights, France;
- **Work programme:**
 - **Authorisations by the Committee:** authorised Mr Domagoj Hajduković (Croatia, SOC), in the framework of the preparation of his report, to carry out a fact-finding visit to Bosnia-Herzegovina (subject to the authorisation by the Bureau of the Assembly and to the availability of funds); authorised Ms Arusyak Julhakyan (Armenia, EPP/CD) and Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC) to participate in the conference on “Migration and climate change”, 30 April 2024, in Rabat, Morocco;
 - **Appointment of rapporteurs for report on:** postponed appointment of rapporteur for the report on “Saving migrants’ lives at sea and protecting their human rights” to April part-session 2024; appointed Ms Sandra Zampa (Italy, SOC) rapporteur for the report on “The challenges and needs of public and private actors involved in migration management”, and Ms Lise Selnes (Norway, SOC) rapporteur for the report on “An urgent call to Europe and its partners: envisioning immediate and long-term policy solutions and support for the displaced people of Ukraine”;
 - **Appointment of representatives for forthcoming events:**
 - called for candidates to participate in the Ad hoc committee of the Bureau of the Assembly “The Luxembourg Solutions”, on 6 and 7 June 2024, in Luxembourg and took note of the interest of Lord Leslie Griffiths (United Kingdom, SOC), Lord Simon Russell (United Kingdom, EC/DA), Mr Birgir Thórarinnsson (Iceland, EPP/CD) and Mr Oleksii Goncharenko (Ukraine, EC/DA) to become members;

- authorised Ms Lise Selnes (Norway, SOC) and Mr Oleksii Goncharenko (Ukraine, EC/DA) to become members, and Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC) alternate, to be part of the Ad hoc committee of the Bureau to the visit of the ICRC headquarters in Geneva as well as other Geneva based international organisations/agencies, on a date to be decided, in the framework of the follow-up to Resolution 2529 (2024) on “The situation of the children of Ukraine”;
- **References:** agreed to request the Bureau for an extension for the report on “Missing migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers: a call to clarify their fate” (*Rapporteur: Mr Julian Pahlke, Germany, SOC*) until 30 December 2024 and took note of the request to take the motion for a resolution on “Externalising asylum increases the risk of undermining the system of international protection” into account in the preparation of the report on “Ensuring human rights compliant asylum procedures”;
- **Call for candidates for report :** called for candidates for the report “Putting an end to collective expulsions of aliens” and took note of the interest of Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC);
- **Next meetings:** took note of its next meetings as follows:
 - Strasbourg, during the second part-session 2024 of the Assembly (15-19 April);
 - Paris, 29 May 2024, (Council of Europe Office);
 - Strasbourg, during the third part-session 2024 of the Assembly (24-28 June);
 - Strasbourg, during the fourth part-session 2024 of the Assembly (30 September-4 October);
 - 17 and 18 October 2024 (Ljubljana, Slovenia) (tbc);
 - Paris, 9 December 2024 (Council of Europe Office).

- **The Sub-Committee on Refugee and Migrant Children and Young People**, meeting in Paris on 20 March 2024, from 15:15 to 15:30, with Mr Oleksii Goncharenko (Ukraine, EC/DA), Committee Chairperson, exceptionally in the Chair, as regards:
 - **Election of the Sub-Committee's bureau:** elected by acclamation Ms Arusyak Julhakyan (Armenia, EPP/CD) as Chairperson; postponed the election of the Vice-Chairperson to the next meeting in the absence of candidates;
 - **Next meeting:** left it to its Chairperson to convoke its next meeting.

- **The Sub-Committee on Diasporas and Integration**, meeting in Paris on 20 March 2024, from 15:30 to 16:00, with Mr Oleksii Goncharenko (Ukraine, EC/DA), Committee Chairperson, exceptionally in the Chair, as regards:
 - **Election of the Sub-Committee's bureau:** elected by acclamation Lord Leslie Griffiths (United Kingdom, SOC) as Chairperson; elected by acclamation Mr Lukas Savickas (Lithuania, SOC) as Vice-Chairperson;
 - **Exchange of views:** held an exchange of views on “Reducing the risk of vulnerability of elderly migrants and improving their welfare” with the participation of Mr Omar Samaoli, Gerontologist, anthropologist, lecturer in gerontology at the Pierre et Marie Curie and Lille 1 Universities, expert at and founding director of the Gerontological Observatory of Migration in France;
 - **Next meeting:** left it to its Chairperson to convoke its next meeting.

- **The Sub-Committee on Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Human Beings**, meeting in Paris on 20 March 2024, from 16:00 to 17:00, with Mr Oleksii Goncharenko (Ukraine, EC/DA), Committee Chairperson, exceptionally in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of the Sub-Committee's bureau:** elected by acclamation Lord Simon Russell (United Kingdom, EC/DA) as Chairperson; postponed the election of the Vice-Chairperson to the next meeting in the absence of candidates;
- **Exchange of views:** held an exchange of views on “EU policy development prospects in the field of the fight against migrant smuggling: the EU “Facilitator package” with the participation of Ms Mariana Gkliati, Associated Professor at the Law School and at the Public Law & Governance School at the University of Tilburg (Netherlands) about the proposal tabled by the European Commission to reform the European Union’s legislation aiming to combat the smuggling of migrants;
- **Next meeting:** left it to its Chairperson to convoke its next meeting.

Tatiana Termacic, Angela Garabagiu, Gaël Martin-Micallef, Marie Martin

cc: Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly
Director and all staff of the Secretariat of the Parliamentary Assembly
Secretaries of National Delegations and of Political Groups of the Assembly
Secretaries of observer and partner for democracy delegations
Secretary General of the Congress
Secretary to the Committee of Ministers
Directors General
Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe
Director of the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights
Director of Communication
Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe

APPENDIX / ANNEXE**Composition of the Sub-Committees / Composition des sous-commissions****1. Sub-Committee on Refugee and Migrant Children and Young People / Sous-commission sur les enfants et les jeunes réfugiés et migrants**

27 seats / sièges

Chairperson / Président : Ms Arusyak Julhakyan (Armenia, EPP/CD)**Vice-Chairperson / Vice-Président.e : ZZ...**

	COUNTRY / PAYS	MEMBER / MEMBRE	ALTERNATE / REMPLAÇANT.E
1.	ARMENIA / ARMÉNIE	Ms Arusyak JULHAKYAN (EPP/CD)	
2.	BELGIUM / BELGIQUE	Mr Tom Van Grieken (EC/DA)	Ms Florence REUTER (ALDE)
3.	BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA / BOSNIE-HERZÉGOVINE	Mr Branislav BORENOVIĆ (EPP/CD)	
4.	DENMARK / DANEMARK	Ms Sascha FAXE (SOC)	
5.	FINLAND / FINLANDE	Mr Petri HONKONEN (ALDE)	
6.	FRANCE	M. Laurent JACOBELLI (EC/DA)	
7.	FRANCE	Ms Sylvie GOY-CHAVENT (EPP/CD)	
8.	GEORGIA / GÉORGIE	Ms. Ana TSITLIDZE (EPP/CD)	Ms Khatia TSILOSANI (SOC)
9.	GERMANY / ALLEMAGNE	Thomas BAREIß (EPP/CD)	Ms Katja LEIKERT (EPP/CD)
10.	GREECE / GRÈCE	Mr Anastasios CHATZIVASILEIOU (EPP/CD)	Mr Ioannis OIKONOMOU (EPP/CD)
11.	IRELAND / IRLANDE	Mr Paul GAVAN (UEL)	Mr Thomas PRINGLE (UEL)
12.	ITALY / ITALIE	Ms Sandra ZAMPA (SOC)	
13.	LUXEMBOURG	Mr Paul GALLES (EPP/CD)	
14.	PORTUGAL	Mr Paulo PISCO (SOC)	
15.	ROMANIA / ROUMANIE	Mr Ionuț-Marian STROE (EPP/CD)	Ms Denisa-Elena NEAGU (ALDE)
16.	SPAIN / ESPAGNE	Ms Nerea AHEDO (ALDE)	Mr Gonzalo ROBLES (EPP/CD)
17.	SWITZERLAND / SUISSE	Ms Marianne BINDER-KELLER (EPP/CD)	Mr Alfred HEER (ALDE)
18.	TÜRKIYE	Ms Sena Nur ÇELİK KANAT (NR)	
19.	TÜRKIYE	Ms Meryem GÖKA (NR)	
20.	UKRAINE	Mr Pavlo BAKUNETS (EC/DA)	
21.	UKRAINE	Mr Taras BATENKO (NR)	
22.	UNITED KINGDOM / ROYAUME-UNI	Baroness Doreen E. MASSEY (SOC)	Lord Leslie GRIFFITHS (SOC)

Ex-officio: Mr Oleksii GONCHARENKO, Chairperson of the Committee / Président de la commission

2. Sub-Committee on Diasporas and Integration / Sous-commission sur les diasporas et l'intégration

27 seats / sièges

Chairperson / Président: Lord Leslie Griffiths (United Kingdom, SOC)

Vice-Chairperson / Vice-Président.e: Mr Lukas Savickas (Lithuania, SOC)

	COUNTRY / PAYS	MEMBER / MEMBRE	ALTERNATE / REPLAÇANT.E
1.	ARMENIA / ARMÉNIE	Mr Hayk MAMIJANYAN (EPP/CD)	
2.	BELGIUM / BELGIQUE	Ms Darya SAFAI (NR)	Mr Fourat BEN CHIKHA (SOC)
3.	CROATIA / CROATIE	Mr Domagoj HAJDUKOVIĆ (SOC)	
4.	DENMARK / DANEMARK	Ms Charlotte MUNCH (NR)	
5.	FINLAND / FINLANDE	Mr Petri HONKONEN (ALDE)	
6.	GERMANY / ALLEMAGNE	Mr Konstantin KUHLE (ALDE)	Mr Fabian FUNKE (SOC)
7.	GREECE / GRÈCE	Mr Dimitrios MANTZOS (SOC)	Ms Nina KASIMATI (UEL)
8.	IRELAND / IRLANDE	Mr Thomas PRINGLE (UEL)	
9.	ITALY / ITALIE	Mr Dimitri COIN (EC/DA)	
10.	LITHUANIA / LITUANIE	Mr Lukas SAVICKAS (SOC)	
11.	LITHUANIA / LITUANIE	Ms Rita TAMAŠUNIENĖ (EC/DA)	
12.	LUXEMBOURG	Mr Paul GALLES (EPP/CD)	Ms Octavie MODERT (EPP/CD)
13.	MONTENEGRO	Ms Nađa LAKOVIĆ (NR)	
14.	PORTUGAL	Mr Paulo PISCO (SOC)	
15.	ROMANIA / ROUMANIE	Ms Daniela OTEȘANU (SOC)	Ms Diana STOICA (ALDE)
16.	SPAIN / ESPAGNE	Mr Antonio GUTIÉRREZ LIMONES (SOC)	
17.	SWITZERLAND / SUISSE	Mr Pierre-Alain FRIDEZ (SOC)	Ms Marianne BINDER-KELLER (EPP/CD)
18.	SWITZERLAND / SUISSE	Mr Alfred HEER (ALDE)	
19.	TÜRKIYE	Ms Pelin YILIK (NR)	
20.	TÜRKIYE	Ms Meryem GÖKA (NR)	
21.	UKRAINE	Ms Mariia MEZENTSEVA (EPP/CD)	
22.	UKRAINE	Ms Larysa BILOZIR (ALDE)	
23.	UNITED KINGDOM / ROYAUME-UNI	Lord Leslie GRIFFITHS (SOC)	Ms Kate OSAMOR (SOC)

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3. Sub-Committee on Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Human Beings / Sous-commission sur le trafic de migrants et la traite des êtres humains

27 seats / sièges

Chairperson / Présidente : Lord Simon Russell (United Kingdom, EC/DA)

Vice-Chairperson / Vice-Président : ZZ ...

	COUNTRY / PAYS	MEMBER / MEMBRE	ALTERNATE / REPLAÇANT.E
1.	ARMENIA / ARMÉNIE	Mr Hayk MAMIJANYAN (EPP/CD)	
2.	AUSTRIA / AUTRICHE	Ms Stephanie KRISPER (ALDE)	
3.	BELGIUM / BELGIQUE	Mr Fourat BEN CHIKHA (SOC)	Ms Florence REUTER (ALDE)
4.	CROATIA / CROATIE	Mr Domagoj HAJDUKOVIĆ (SOC)	
5.	CYPRUS / CHYPRE	Ms Christiana EROTKRITOU (SOC)	
6.	DENMARK / DANEMARK	Ms Sascha FAXE (SOC)	
7.	ICELAND / ISLANDE	Mr Birgir THÓRARINSSON (EPP/CD)	
8.	FRANCE	Ms Nicole DURANTON (ALDE)	Ms Michelle GREAUME (UEL)
9.	FRANCE	Mr Thibaut FRANÇOIS (EC/DA)	
10.	GERMANY / ALLEMAGNE	Mr Julian PAHLKE (SOC)	Mr Christoph HOFFMANN (ALDE)
11.	GREECE / GRÈCE	Mr Ioannis OIKONOMOU (EPP/CD)	Ms Nina KASIMATI (UEL)
12.	IRELAND / IRLANDE	Mr Paul GAVAN (UEL)	
13.	ITALY / ITALIE	Mr Marco SCURRIA (EC/DA)	
14.	LUXEMBOURG	Ms Octavie MODERT (EPP/CD)	
15.	POLAND / POLOGNE	Mr Konrad FRYSZTAK (EPP/CD)	
16.	POLAND / POLOGNE	Mr Kacper PŁAŻYŃSKI (NR)	
17.	ROMANIA / ROUMANIE	Ms Diana STOICA (ALDE)	Mr Ioan MANG (SOC)
18.	SPAIN / ESPAGNE	Ms Nerea AHEDO (ALDE)	
19.	SPAIN / ESPAGNE	Mr Gonzalo ROBLES (EPP/CD)	
20.	SWITZERLAND / SUISSE	Ms Céline AMAUDRUZ (ALDE)	Mr Pierre-Alain FRIDEZ (SOC)
21.	TÜRKIYE	Mr Abdurrahman BABACAN (NR)	
22.	UKRAINE	Mr Oleksii GONCHARENKO (EC/DA)	
23.	UKRAINE	Ms Larysa BILOZIR (ALDE)	
24.	UNITED KINGDOM / ROYAUME-UNI	Lord Simon RUSSELL (EC/DA)	
25.	UNITED KINGDOM / ROYAUME-UNI	Mr Jeremy CORBYN (SOC)	Ms Kate OSAMOR (SOC)

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