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

### Synopsis

### of the meetings held in Paris, on 8 December 2023

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, meeting in Paris, on 8 December 2023:

- **from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm and from 14:00 to 17:30 pm**, with Mr Theodoros Rousopoulos (Greece, EPP/CD) Chairperson, and then with Mr Paul Gavan (Ireland, UEL) First Vice-Chairperson in the Chair, as regards:
  - **Precarious and irregular work situations of migrant seasonal workers and domestic migrant workers** (*Rapporteur: Ms Diana Stoica, Romania, ALDE*): in absence of the rapporteur, considered a revised draft report and unanimously adopted a revised draft resolution;
  - **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 Ms Milica Kolaković-Bojović, PhD, Expert for the United Nations Committee on Enforced Disappearances, and Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of Criminological and Sociological Research of Belgrade, Serbia;
  - **Ensuring human rights compliant asylum procedures** (*Rapporteur: Ms Stephanie Krisper, Austria, ALDE*): considered a draft outline and held an exchange of views with the participation of Mr Adriano Silvestri, Head of Migration & Asylum Sector, Justice, Digital and Migration Unit, EU Agency for Fundamental Rights (online), and with Mr Hugh Chetwynd, Head of Division, Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT), Council of Europe;
  - **Ad hoc Sub-Committee to carry out a fact-finding visit to Calais (France)**: heard and took note of the presentation by Ms Stephanie Krisper (Austria, ALDE), Chair of the ad hoc Sub-Committee, of the conclusions of the fact-finding visit in Calais on 25 and 26 October 2023, and decided to declassify the report related to this visit in the aim to publish it on the PACE website; held an exchange of views with the participation of Mr Paolo Artini, Representative in France of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR); took note of the suggestion by Ms Sandra Zampa (Italy, SOC) that the Committee considers the possibility to follow-up on the conclusions drawn by the ad hoc Sub-Committee, in particular through the conducting of similar visits to points of congestions across Europe, for example in Lampedusa;
  - **Follow-up on “Deportations and forcible transfers of Ukrainian children and other civilians to Russian Federation or to Ukrainian territories temporarily occupied: create conditions for their safe return, stop these crimes and punish the perpetrator”** (*Rapporteur: Mr Paulo Pisco, Portugal, SOC*): heard a statement by the rapporteur on his participation to the webinar organised on 17 November 2023 by the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe on the impact of migration on the lives of children travelling to and in Europe and on his participation to the upcoming meeting in Paris on 15 December on “The situation of the children of Ukraine”;

- **Work programme:**
  - **Authorisations by the Committee:** authorised Ms Stephanie Krisper (Austria, ALDE) Rapporteur on “Ensuring human rights compliant asylum procedures”, to carry out a fact-finding visit during the first semester of 2024 (date and location tbc and subject to availability of funds);
  - **Appointment of representatives:** authorised Mr Paul Galles (Luxembourg, EPP/CD) as rapporteur on “Addressing the specific challenges faced by the Belarusians in exile”, to participate in the Helsinki Dialogue on 11-12 January 2024, in Helsinki, Finland;
  - **Consideration of draft motions for resolution with a view for their adoption by the Committee, and for tabling on its behalf:**
    - o Considered and adopted a draft motion for a resolution on “Saving migrants’ lives at sea and protecting their human rights” proposed at the initiative of Mr Paulo Pisco (Portugal, SOC) to be tabled on behalf of the Committee;
    - o Considered and adopted a draft motion for a resolution on “The challenges and needs of public and private actors involved in migration management”, proposed at the initiative of the ad hoc Sub-Committee to carry out a fact-finding visit to Calais (France), to be tabled on behalf of the Committee;
- **Composition of the Sub-Committees:** approved the following changes: Ms Sylvie Goy-Chavent (France, EPP/CD) to become a full member of the Sub-Committee on Refugee and Migrant Children instead of Mr Jacques Le Nay and Ms Michelle Gréaume (France, UEL) to become an alternate member of the Sub-Committee on Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Human Beings;
- **Other business:** informed members of the call for nominations for the 2024 Vigdís Prize for Women’s Empowerment;
- **Next meetings:** took note of its next meetings as follows:
  - Strasbourg, during the first part-session 2024 of the Assembly (22-26 January);
  - Paris, 19 (afternoon) and 20 March 2024 (Council of Europe Office);
  - 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);
  - 22 and 23 October 2024 (place tbc);
  - Paris, 9 December 2024 (Council of Europe Office).

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- **The Sub-Committee on Diasporas and Integration**, meeting in Paris on 8 December 2023, from 9.00 to 10.00 am, with Mr. Paulo Pisco (Portugal, SOC), in the Chair, as regards:
  - **Exchange of views:** held an exchange of views on “The importance of the associative movement for diasporas’ integration” with the participation of Mr Migjen Kajtazi, in charge of consultations for victims of discrimination at the Population Department of the Cantonal Office for the Integration of Foreigners and the Prevention of Racism Lausanne, Switzerland; Mr Cipriano Rodrigues, President of the Portuguese Cultural and Social Association of Pontault-Combault, France and Ms Anabela Lopes, Vice-President of the Portuguese Cultural and Social Association of Pontault-Combault, France;
  - **Next meeting:** convoke its next meeting in Strasbourg, during the first part-session 2024 of the Assembly (22-26 January).

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- **The Sub-Committee on Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Human Beings**, meeting in Paris on 8 December 2023, from 10.00 to 11.00 am, with Lord Simon Russell (United Kingdom, EC/DA) Vice-Chairperson in the Chair, as regards:
  - **Exchange of views:** held an exchange of views on “Preventing and fighting the smuggling of migrants: overview of the Council of Europe’s approach and ongoing work” with the participation of Ms Leyla Kayacik, Special Representative of the Secretary General on Migration and Refugees, Council of Europe and Mr Clément Bailly, Secretariat of the European Committee on Crime Problems (CDPC), Council of Europe;
  - **Next meeting:** convoke its next meeting in Strasbourg, during the first part-session 2024 of the Assembly (22-26 January).

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