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

Synopsis

of the meetings held in Strasbourg on 19, 20, 21 and 22 June 2023

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, meeting in Strasbourg, on 19, 20, 21 and 22 June 2023,

- **on Monday 19 June, from 13:00 to 14:00**, with first Mr Paul Gavan (Ireland, UEL), 1st Vice-Chairperson, and then Mr Domagoj Hajduković (Croatia, SOC), 3rd Vice-Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:
 - **Possible debate under urgent procedure on “Ensuring free and safe access through the Lachin Corridor”¹** (*Rapporteur: Mr Paul Gavan, Ireland, UEL*): considered a revised draft report and adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation, both as amended;
 - **Health and social protection of undocumented workers or those in an irregular situation** (*Rapporteur for opinion: Ms Arusyak Julhakyany, Armenia, EPP/CD*): considered and approved a revised draft opinion, including 6 amendments to the draft resolution and 1 amendment to the draft recommendation adopted by the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development on 22 May 2023;
- **on Tuesday 20 June 2023, from 8:30 to 10:30**, with Mr Paul Gavan (Ireland, UEL), 1st Vice-Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:
 - **Addressing the specific challenges faced by the Belarusians in exile** (*Rapporteur: Mr Paul Galles, Luxembourg, EPP/CD*): took position on 6 amendments which had been tabled to the draft resolution and decided to present 2 oral sub-amendments; held an exchange of views with Mr Valery Kavaleuski, Representative for Foreign Affairs, Deputy Head of the United Transitional Cabinet of Belarus as well a hearing with the participation of: Mr Ivan Kravtsov, Executive Secretary, member of the Coordination Council, Razam ‘Together’ Party and Mr Anatol Liabedzka, Adviser to Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya on constitutional reform and parliamentary co-operation, United Civil (Civic) Party;
 - **Integration of migrants and refugees: benefits for all parties involved** (*Rapporteur: Mr Domagoj Hajduković, Croatia, SOC*): took note that no amendments had been tabled;
 - **Social inclusion of migrants, refugees and internally displaced persons through sport** (*Rapporteur: Ms Nigar Arpadarai, Azerbaijan, EC/DA*): took note that no amendments had been tabled;
 - **Appointments of representatives for forthcoming events:**
 - *Ad hoc* committee of the Bureau of the Assembly to participate in a Side Event “Decent work: building a sustainable future” at the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (14 July 2023, United Nations Headquarters, New York): appointed Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC);

¹ Subject to a decision by the Assembly.

- *Ad hoc* committee of the Bureau of the Assembly to participate in the World Forum for Democracy on “Democracy = Peace?” (Strasbourg, 6-8 November 2023): appointed Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC);
- *Ad hoc* committee of the Bureau of the Assembly to participate in the Council of Europe Campaign for the Safety of Journalists (Riga, 5-6 October 2023): appointed Mr Paulo Pisco (Portugal, SOC) and Mr Branislav Borenović (Bosnia and Herzegovina, EPP/CD);
- **“Hope away from home: A world where refugees are always included”**, video, Council of Europe, UNHCR: the video was screened;
- **Parliamentary Platform for the rights of LGBTI people in Europe** (Brussels, Belgium, 22 May 2023): heard a statement by Mr Domagoj Hajduković (Croatia, SOC) on his participation in the event;
- **Turning 18 with confidence - Supporting migrant and refugee children in transition to adulthood** (18 April 2023, Strasbourg): heard a statement by Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC) on his participation in the event;
- **on Wednesday 21 June 2023 from 11:30 to 12:30**, with Mr Paul Gavan (Ireland, UEL), 1st Vice-Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:
 - **Follow-up to Assembly Resolution 2433 (2022) “Consequences of the Russian Federation's continued aggression against Ukraine: role and response of the Council of Europe” and Resolution 2473 (2022) “Strengthening the role of the Council of Europe as a cornerstone of the European political architecture”**: held a joint hearing with the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy on “Issues confronting Russians in exile”, with the participation of Mr Gennady Gudkov, Deputy of the State Duma of 3, 4, 5, and 6 convocations, Deputy Chairman of the Security Committee (2001-2012), Leader of the People's Party of Russia (2003-2008), Chairman of the NGO "For Free Russia"; Ms Karinna Moskalenko, Russian lawyer, founder of the Centre de la Protection Internationale; Ms Ekaterina Shulman, Russian political scientist, publicist; Ms Daria Belova, Chairperson of the initiative to help refugees "inTransit", representative of the Ark (Kovcheg); Ms Mariia Novikova, human rights lawyer, Secretary of the Russian Democratic Club in France; Ms Elena Colombo, Co-founder of the Association for assistance to Russian asylum seekers in France (Russie-Asile); and Mr Alexey Obolenets, lawyer and human rights defender; with the participation also of Mr Tiny Kox, President of the Parliamentary Assembly;
 - **on Thursday 22 June 2023, from 8:30 to 10:30**, with first Mr Oleksii Goncharenko (Ukraine, EC/DA), 2nd Vice-Chairperson, and then Mr Paul Gavan (Ireland, UEL), 1st Vice-Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:
 - **Debate under urgent procedure on “Ensuring free and safe access through the Lachin Corridor”**: took position on 55 amendments which had been tabled to the draft resolution and 7 amendments which had been tabled to the to the draft recommendation;
 - **Work programme: appointment of a rapporteur for report** on “The use of explosive weapons as a major driver of justified displacement”: appointed, by acclamation Mr Domagoj Hajduković (Croatia, SOC) and heard from him a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
 - **Composition of the Sub-Committees**: approved the following changes:

Sub-Committee on Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Human Beings:

- Ms Florence Reuter (Belgium, ALDE) to become an alternate member (of Mr Fourat Ben Chikha);

Sub-Committee on Refugee and Migrant Children and Young People:

- Ms Florence Reuter (Belgium, ALDE) to become an alternate member (of Mr Tom van Grieken);
- Ms Marina Carobbio Guscetti (Switzerland, SOC) to become a full member;
- Mr Branislav Borenović (Bosnia and Herzegovina, EPP/CD) to become a full member;

Sub-Committee on Diasporas and Integration:

- Ms Charlotte Munch (Denmark, NR) to become a full member;
- Ms Marina Carobbio Guscetti (Switzerland, SOC) to become an alternate member (of Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez);
- **Precarious and irregular work situations of migrant seasonal workers and domestic migrant workers** (*Rapporteur: Ms Diana Stoica, Romania, ALDE*): postponed this item due to lack of time;
- **The theme of migration and asylum in the election campaign and the consequences on the welcoming and rights of migrants** (*Rapporteur: Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez, Switzerland, SOC*): postponed this item due to lack of time;
- **Next meetings:** took note of its next meetings as follows:
 - Reykjavik (Iceland), 21-22 September 2023;
 - Strasbourg, during the fourth part-session 2023 of the Assembly (9-13 October);
 - Paris, 8 December 2023 (Council of Europe Office).

Others:

- **Bucharest** (Romania), 30-31 October 2023, joint meeting of the Sub-Committee on Refugee and Migrant Children and Young People and of the Sub-Committee on Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Human Beings (subject to the authorisation of the Bureau).

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