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

Synopsis of the meetings held in Strasbourg on 24 and 26 January 2023

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, meeting in Strasbourg, on 24 and 26 January 2023:

- on Tuesday 24 January 2023, from 2.00 to 3.30 pm, with first Lord Leslie Griffiths (United Kingdom, SOC), oldest member present, and then Mr Theodoros Rousopoulos (Greece, EPP/CD), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:
 - **Election of the Bureau of the Committee:** re-elected by acclamation:
 - Mr Theodoros Rousopoulos (Greece, EPP/CD), Chairperson,
 - Mr Paul Gavan (Ireland, UEL), 1st Vice-Chairperson,
 - Mr Oleksii Goncharenko (Ukraine, EC/DA), 2nd Vice-Chairperson,
 - Mr Domagoj Hajduković (Croatia, SOC), 3rd Vice-Chairperson;
 - **Reconstitution and composition of the Sub-Committees:** reconstituted its three sub-committees and approved their composition (see Appendix):
 - Sub-Committee on Diasporas and Integration,
 - Sub-Committee on Refugee and Migrant Children and Young People,
 - Sub-Committee on Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Human Beings;
 - **Integration of migrants and refugees: benefits for all parties involved** (*Rapporteur: Mr Domagoj Hajduković, Croatia, SOC*): heard a statement by the rapporteur on his fact-finding visit to Norway on 10 and 11 November 2022; considered a preliminary draft report;
 - **Addressing the specific challenges faced by the Belarusians in exile** (*Rapporteur: Mr Paul Gales, Luxembourg, EPP/CD*): considered a draft outline; held an exchange of views with the participation of Ms Kristina Rikhter, Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya's Advisor on legal affairs and Mr Valdzis Fuhaš, from the human rights organization "Human Constanta"; authorised the rapporteur to carry out a fact-finding visit to Poland and Lithuania, in the framework of the preparation of his report (*subject to the availability of funds*);
 - **Request to be seized for opinion:** decided to ask the Bureau of the Assembly to refer to it for opinion the report on "Health and social protection of undocumented workers" (*Rapporteur for report of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development: Ms Ada Marra, Switzerland, SOC*);
- on Thursday 26 January 2023, from 8.30 to 10 am, with Mr Theodoros Rousopoulos (Greece, EPP/CD), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **The situation of Ukrainian persons forcefully displaced or transferred to the Russian Federation or Ukrainian territories under the de facto control of the Russian Federation** (*Rapporteur: Mr Paulo Pisco, Portugal, SOC*): held an exchange of views with the participation of Ms Oleksandra Matviichuk, Director, Centre for Civil Liberties, Ukraine / Nobel Peace Prize 2022;
- **European solidarity in the context of asylum and international protection** (*Rapporteur: Lord Alexander Dundee, United Kingdom, EC/DA*): considered a revised draft report and adopted unanimously a draft resolution and a draft recommendation;
- **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*): held an exchange of views with the participation of Mr Mats Lindberg, Directorate General of Democracy and Human Dignity, European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI); took note of the Charter of European political parties for a non-racist and inclusive society [[AS/Ega/Inf \(2022\) 28](#)];
- **Work programme:**
 - **Call for candidates:** called for candidates for reports on:
 - **Immigration, one of the answers to Europe's demographic aging** [[Doc. 15629](#)]: took note of the candidature of Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC);
 - **Ensuring human rights compliant asylum procedures** [[Doc.15601](#)]: took note of the candidatures of Mr Fourat Ben Chikha (Belgium, SOC) and Mr Jeremy Corbyn (United Kingdom, SOC);
 - **References for consultation:**
 - **Transfer and resettlement of asylum seekers** [[Doc. 15571](#)]: agreed that this motion for a resolution be taken into account in the preparation of the report on “Ensuring human rights compliant asylum procedures”;
 - **References to be taken into account in the preparation of other reports:**
 - **Protecting human rights and saving lives in the North Sea and the English Channel** [[Doc. 15630](#)] : agreed that the above reference be taken into account in the preparation of the report on “Missing migrants, refugees and asylum seekers – a call to clarify their fate” (*Rapporteur: Mr Julian Pahlke, Germany, SOC*) and in the follow-up to [Resolution 2462](#) (2022) on “Pushbacks on land and sea: illegal measures of migration management”, as proposed by the Bureau;
 - **References for information:**
 - **The right to movement: addressing the challenges faced by Turkish citizens and other non-EU citizens in visa applications to Schengen Area States** [[Doc. 15560](#)]: took note of the reference sent to the committee for information by the Bureau;
 - **Legal aspects of preventing the use of explosive weapons in populated areas and explosive contamination** [[Doc. 15583](#)]: took note of the reference sent to the committee for information by the Bureau;
- **Other business:**
 - **Call for nominations for the 2023 Václav Havel Human Rights Prize:** took note of the call for nominations;
 - Mr Jeremy Corbyn (United Kingdom, SOC) reported on a recent visit in Calais in his capacity as a British member of Parliament and expressed deep concerns at the human rights situation of migrants and refugees in Calais and across the Channel in United Kingdom;
- **Next meetings:** took note of its next meetings as follows:
 - Paris, 15 March 2023 (Council of Europe Office);

- Strasbourg, during the second part-session 2023 of the Assembly (24-28 April);
- Paris, 11 May 2023 (Council of Europe Office);
- Strasbourg, during the third part-session 2023 of the Assembly (19-23 June);
- 21 September 2023 (place tbc);
- Strasbourg, during the fourth part-session 2023 of the Assembly (9-13 October);
- Paris, 8 December 2023 (Council of Europe Office).

The Sub-Committee on Diasporas and Integration, meeting in Strasbourg on 26 January 2023, from 2.00 to 2.20 pm, with Mr Theodoros Rousopoulos (Greece, EPP/CD), Committee Chairperson, exceptionally in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of the Sub-Committee's bureau:** re-elected by acclamation Mr Paulo Pisco (Portugal, SOC) 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 Refugee and Migrant Children and Young People, meeting in Strasbourg on 26 January 2023, from 2.20 to 2.40 pm, with Mr Theodoros Rousopoulos (Greece, EPP/CD), Committee Chairperson, exceptionally in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of the Sub-Committee's bureau:** re-elected by acclamation Mr Ionuț-Marian Stroe (Romania, 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 Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Human Beings, meeting in Strasbourg on 26 January 2023, from 2.40 to 3.00 pm, with Mr Theodoros Rousopoulos (Greece, EPP/CD), Committee Chairperson, exceptionally in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of the Sub-Committee's bureau:** re-elected by acclamation Ms Diana Stoica (Romania, ALDE) as Chairperson and Lord Simon Russell (United Kingdom, EC/DA) as Vice-Chairperson;
- **Next meeting:** left it to its Chairperson to convoke its next meeting.

Tatiana Termacic, Angela Garabagiu, Marie Martin

cc: Secretary General of the Assembly
Directors and all staff of the Secretariat of the 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-commissions¹**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: Mr Ionuț-Marian STROE (Romania, EPP/CD)**Vice-Chairperson / Vice-Président.e :** ...

COUNTRY / PAYS	MEMBER / MEMBRE	ALTERNATE / REMPLAÇANT.E
1. ARMENIA / ARMÉNIE	Ms Arusyak JULHAKYAN (EPP/CD)	
2. AZERBAIJAN / AZERBAÏDJAN	Mr Tural GANJALIYEV (EC/DA)	
3. BELGIUM / BELGIQUE	Mr Tom Van GRIEKEN (EC/DA)	Ms Sophie WILMES (ALDE)
4. DENMARK / DANEMARK	Ms Sascha FAXE (SOC)	
5. FRANCE	Mr Jacques LE NAY (ALDE)	Ms Sylvie GOY-CHAVENT (EPP/CD)
6. GEORGIA / GÉORGIE	Ms Khatia TSILOSANI (SOC)	
7. GERMANY / ALLEMAGNE	Ms Catarina dos SANTOS-WINTZ (EPP/CD)	Ms Katja LEIKERT (EPP/CD)
8. GREECE / GRÈCE	Ms Garyfallia (Liana) KANELLI (UEL)	Mr Kriton-Ilias ARSENIS (UEL)
9. IRELAND / IRLANDE	Mr Paul GAVAN (UEL)	Mr Thomas PRINGLE (UEL)
10. LUXEMBOURG	Mr Paul GALLES (EPP/CD)	
11. POLAND / POLOGNE	Mr Krzysztof TRUSKOLASKI (EPP/CD)	Ms Marta KUBIAK (EC/DA)
12. PORTUGAL	Mr Paulo PISCO (SOC)	
13. ROMANIA / ROUMANIE	Mr Ionuț-Marian STROE (EPP/CD)	Ms Denisa-Elena NEAGU (ALDE)
14. SPAIN / ESPAGNE	Mr Gonzalo ROBLES (EPP/CD)	
15. SPAIN / ESPAGNE	Ms Nerea AHEDO (ALDE)	
16. SWITZERLAND / SUISSE	Mr Damien COTTIER (ALDE)	Ms Ada MARRA (SOC)
17. TÜRKIYE	Ms Serap YAŞAR (NR)	
18. TÜRKIYE	Mr Yıldırım Tuğrul TÜRKEŞ (NR)	
19. UKRAINE	Mr Oleksii GONCHARENKO (EC/DA)	
20. UNITED KINGDOM / ROYAUME-UNI	Baroness Doreen E. MASSEY (SOC)	Lord Leslie GRIFFITHS (SOC)
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Ex-officio: Mr Theodoros ROUSOPOULOS, Greece, EPP/CD, Chairperson of the Committee / Président de la commission¹ Further to the election by each sub-committee of its Bureau.

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

27 seats / sièges

Chairperson / Président: Mr Paulo PISCO (Portugal, SOC)**Vice-Chairperson / Vice-Président.e:** ...

COUNTRY / PAYS	MEMBER / MEMBRE	ALTERNATE/ REMPLAÇANT.E
1. ARMENIA/ARMÉNIE	Mr Hayk MAMIJANYAN (EPP/CD)	
2. AUSTRIA / AUTRICHE	Mr Eduard KÖCK (EPP/CD)	
3. AZERBAIJAN / AZERBAÏDJAN	Ms Nigar ARPADARAI (EC/DA)	Mr Kamal JAFAROV (EC/DA)
4. BELGIUM / BELGIQUE	Ms Darya SAFAI (NR)	Mr Fourat BEN CHIKHA (SOC)
5. CROATIA / CROATIE	Mr Domagoj HAJDUKOVIĆ (SOC)	
6. DENMARK / DANEMARK	Mr Alexander RYLE (ALDE)	
7. GEORGIA / GÉORGIE	Mr Akaki MINASHVILI (EPP/CD)	
8. GERMANY / ALLEMAGNE	Mr Konstantin KUHLE (ALDE)	Mr Fabian FUNKE (SOC)
9. GREECE / GRÈCE	Ms Theodora TZAKRI (UEL)	Mr Kriton-Ilias ARSENIS (UEL)
10. IRELAND / IRLANDE	Mr Thomas PRINGLE (UEL)	
11. LITHUANIA / LITUANIE	Mr Lukas SAVICKAS (SOC)	
12. LITHUANIA / LITUANIE	Ms Rita TAMAŠUNIENĖ (EC/DA)	
13. LUXEMBOURG	Mr Paul GALLES (EPP/CD)	
14. NETHERLANDS / PAYS-BAS	Ms Margreet DE BOER (SOC)	
15. NETHERLANDS / PAYS-BAS	Mr Ruben BREKELMANS (ALDE)	
16. POLAND / POLOGNE	Mr Jacek PROTASIEWICZ (EPP/CD)	
17. PORTUGAL	Mr Paulo PISCO (SOC)	
18. ROMANIA / ROUMANIE	Ms Daniela OTEȘANU (SOC)	Ms Diana STOICA (ALDE)
19. SPAIN / ESPAGNE	Mr Antonio GUTIÉRREZ LIMONES (SOC)	
20. SWITZERLAND / SUISSE	Mr Pierre-Alain FRIDEZ (SOC)	Mr Damien COTTIER (ALDE)
21. SWITZERLAND / SUISSE	Mr Alfred HEER (ALDE)	
22. TÜRKIYE	Mr Yıldırım Tuğrul TÜRKEŞ (NR)	
23. TÜRKIYE	Ms Arzu ERDEM (NR)	
24. UKRAINE	Mr Oleksii GONCHARENKO (EC/DA)	
25. UKRAINE	Ms Mariia MEZENTSEVA (EPP/CD)	
26. UNITED KINGDOM / ROYAUME-UNI	Lord Leslie GRIFFITHS (SOC)	Ms Kate OSAMOR (SOC)
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Sub-Committee on Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Human Beings / Sous-commission sur le trafic de migrants et la traite des êtres humains

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Chairperson / Présidente : Ms Diana STOICA (Romania, ALDE)

Vice-Chairperson / Vice-Président : Lord Simon RUSSELL (United Kingdom, EC/DA)

COUNTRY / PAYS	MEMBER / MEMBRE	ALTERNATE / REMPLAÇANT.E
1. ANDORRA / ANDORRE	Ms Mònica BONELL (ALDE)	
2. ARMENIA / ARMÉNIE	Mr Hayk MAMIJANYAN (EPP/CD)	
3. AUSTRIA / AUTRICHE	Mr Eduard KÖCK (EPP/CD)	
4. AUSTRIA / AUTRICHE	Ms Stephanie KRISPER (ALDE)	
5. AZERBAIJAN / AZERBAÏDJAN	Mr Kamal JAFAROV (EC/DA)	
6. BELGIUM / BELGIQUE	Mr Fourat BEN CHIKHA (SOC)	Ms Sophie WILMES (ALDE)
7. CROATIA / CROATIE	Mr Domagoj HAJDUKOVIĆ (SOC)	
8. CYPRUS / CHYPRE	Ms Christiana EROKROITOU (SOC)	
9. DENMARK / DANEMARK	Ms Sascha FAXE (SOC)	
10. FRANCE	Ms Nicole DURANTON (ALDE)	Mr Jacques LE NAY (ALDE)
11. FRANCE	Mr Thibaut FRANÇOIS (EC/DA)	
12. GERMANY / ALLEMAGNE	Mr Julian PAHLKE (SOC)	Mr Christoph HOFFMANN (ALDE)
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21. SWITZERLAND / SUISSE	Ms Ada MARRA (SOC)	Mr Pierre-Alain FRIDEZ (SOC)
22. TÜRKIYE	Mr Ahmet BÜYÜKGÜMÜŞ (NR)	
23. UNITED KINGDOM / ROYAUME-UNI	Mr Jeremy CORBYN (SOC)	Ms Kate OSAMOR (SOC)
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