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

Synopsis of the meetings held in Strasbourg on 8 and 9 April 2025

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, meeting in Strasbourg on 8 and 9 April 2025, with Mr Oleksii Goncharenko (Ukraine, ECPA), Chairperson, in the Chair,

- on **Tuesday, 8 April 2025**, from 14:00 to 15:30, as regards:
- **Putting an end to collective expulsions of aliens** (*rapporteur: Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez, Switzerland, SOC*): took note that no amendments had been tabled to the draft resolution nor the draft recommendation;
- **The challenges and needs of public and private actors involved in migration management** (*rapporteur: Ms Sandra Zampa, Italy, SOC*): heard an oral report by the rapporteur on her fact-finding visit to the United Kingdom from 24 to 26 March 2025;
- **Work programme:**
 - appointed Mr Paul Galles (EPP/CD, Luxembourg) rapporteur for opinion on “Analysis and guidelines to guarantee the right to housing and to decent housing” and heard his declaration of absence of conflict of interests;
 - appointed Lord Leslie Griffiths (United Kingdom, SOC) rapporteur for report on “The role of diasporas and migrants in building social cohesion and progress” and heard his declaration of absence of conflict of interests;
 - authorised Mr Petri Honkonen (Finland, ALDE), rapporteur on “Artificial intelligence and migration”, to carry out a fact-finding visit to Frontex, in Warsaw, Poland on 6 May 2025 (*subject to the availability of funds*);
 - appointed Ms Lise Selnes (Norway, SOC) Committee representative to the Parliamentary Alliance for Good Governance and Integrity in Sport;
- **Parliamentary conference on “Envisioning effective public policy to prevent and address cases of missing migrants” (Strasbourg, on 23-24 April 2025)**: appointed Mr Antonio Gutiérrez Limones (Spain, SOC), Mr Emmanuel Fernandes (France, UEL) and Lord Leslie Griffiths (United Kingdom, SOC) (in addition to the members appointed in January and March) to sit in the *ad hoc* committee of the Bureau to participate in the conference (*participation at no cost to the Assembly*);
- **Exchange of views with Mr Frédéric Dolt, Head of Department, Execution of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe**: held the exchange of views;

- on **Wednesday 9 April 2025**, from 14:00 to 15:00, as regards:
- **Saving migrants' lives at sea and protecting their human rights** (*rapporteur: Mr Paulo Pisco, Portugal, SOC*): considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation, as amended;
- **Any other business**: heard the suggestion by Emmanuel Fernandes to submit a draft declaration to the Committee at the next meeting regarding the importance for member States to support the High-Commissioner on Refugees of the United Nations and approved to continue to closely follow the issue;
- **Next meetings**: took note of its next meetings as follows:
 - Paris, 19 May 2025 (Council of Europe office)
 - Strasbourg, 23-27 June 2025 (during the Assembly part-session)
 - Strasbourg, 29 September-3 October 2025 (during the Assembly part-session)
 - Place and date tbc, 20-21 October 2025
 - Paris, 8 December 2025 (Council of Europe office)

The Sub-Committee on Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Human Beings, meeting in Strasbourg on 9 April 2025, from 15:00 to 15:30, with first Lord Michael German (United Kingdom, ALDE), oldest member present, then with Mr Dimitrios Mantzos (Greece, SOC), chairperson of the Sub-Committee, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of the Sub-Committee's Bureau**: elected by acclamation Mr Dimitrios Mantzos (Greece, SOC) chairperson; elected by acclamation Ms Stephanie Krisper (Austria, ALDE) vice-chairperson;
- **Exchange of views on *Towards a new Council of Europe instrument on the smuggling of migrants***: held an exchange of views with the participation of Ms Eva Pastrana, European Committee on Crime Problems (CDPC), Head of Division, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe;
- **Next meeting**: left it to its chairperson to convene the next meeting.

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