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**1st Standing Committee on Political and Security-related Cooperation**

“Security Challenges related to Migration”

Rapporteur: Hon. Maria das Mercês Borges (Portugal)

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The Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean,

- a) *Concerned* by the unprecedented migration crisis in the Mediterranean region and beyond;
  - b) *Alarmed* by the figures and estimates disseminated by the UNHCR on stateless people;
  - c) *Aware of* the complex and constantly changing nature of the migration phenomenon;
  - d) *Concerned* by the risk that terrorists may take advantage of refugee/migratory flows to carry out their criminal activities;
  - e) *Reaffirming* its absolute condemnation to intolerance, discrimination and xenophobic policies towards migrants and refugees;
  - f) *Concerned by* the criminal activities related to migration, such as human trafficking, exploitation and smuggling of migrants;
  - g) *Having regard to* the United Nations Convention against Transnational Crime and the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, adopted in 2000 by the United Nations General Assembly
- 1) **Invites** its member states to promote greater and more consistent international cooperation among countries of origin, transit and destination;

- 2) **Calls** all member states to advocate greater international and regional cooperation in the adoption of effective measures to combat the trafficking, exploitation and smuggling of migrants and refugees;
- 3) **Invites** the 1<sup>st</sup> PAM Standing Committee and all member parliaments to raise awareness among Governments about the need to increase and improve support for refugees, in full respect of fundamental human rights, assisting them with humanism and helping them to rebuild their lives;
- 4) **Welcomes** the efforts of countries neighbouring states experiencing conflicts in providing humanitarian assistance to those in need, and their activities to identify and arrest potential terrorists;
- 5) **Remains committed** to the construction of effective solutions to the problems that give rise to refugee and migrant movements, including armed conflicts, poverty, hunger, natural disasters, and violation of human, political, cultural and social rights;
- 6) **Calls** on Member States to take steps to help victims of trafficking – and prevent further cases in the future;
- 7) **Calls** on Member States to implement policies to ensure that vulnerable refugee groups such as women, children and disabled people receive special protection they need and deserve.
- 8) **Encourages** the exploration of legal pathways of migration promoting the reunification of families and the creation of education and employment opportunities;
- 9) **Requests** the PAM Secretariat to organise a dedicated seminar involving, among others, the relevant security state agencies, INTERPOL, the IOM, HCR and UNDOC, on the security challenges relating to the escape of FTFs from war zones and the threat they pose to our countries.