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*Sub-committee on cooperation with
non-European countries of origin and transit*

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Seminar on the new migration policy of Morocco and European experience: new challenges in the integration policies and practices

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Assembly and the Parliament of Morocco

In the framework of the Joint Programme “Strengthening democratic reform in the
southern Neighbourhood” (South Programme), funded by the European Union and
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Rabat, Morocco
Thursday 23 October 2014 from 9.30am
to Friday 24 October 2014 at 1pm
Parliament of Morocco, Rabat (tbc)

* All participants to be confirmed

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Wednesday, 22 October 2014

Arrival of participants

Thursday, 23 October 2014

09.30 **Opening** of the seminar by **Mr António Braga** (Portugal, SOC), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on cooperation with non-European countries of origin and transit

Welcoming by:

Mr Rachid Talbi Alami, Speaker of the Parliament of Morocco

Mr Mohamed Yatim, Head of the Moroccan partner for democracy delegation to the PACE

Mr Rupert Joy, EU Ambassador to Morocco

I - The New Moroccan migration policy

Presentation by the Ministry of Moroccans abroad and Migration on the Moroccan migration policies including three draft laws (on trafficking, asylum policies and regularisation) currently under legislative procedure

Presentation by **Mr Christos Christodoulides**, International Organization for Migration (IOM), Morocco, on "IOM's involvement in the elaboration of the new migration policy in Morocco"

Discussion

Lunch

II - The Migrant Integration Policy

Presentation by **Ms Lilja Gretarsdottir**, Senior advisor on migration, Directorate of Human Rights, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe on "Migrant integration in Europe: A few highlights"

Presentation by **Ms Tineke Strik** (Netherlands, SOC) on the recommendations of her report on "Integration tests: helping or hindering integration?"; and the PACE report on "Integration of migrants in Europe: the need for a proactive, long-term and global policy" (Rapporteur, Ms Marietta Karamanli (France, SOC))

Panel composed of heads of relevant parliamentary committees of the countries with particular experience in the implementation of integration laws (Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Malta)

Participation by representatives of ONG's of countries of origin

Discussion

III - European best practices of integration policies

Portuguese experience: **Ms Rosário Farmhouse**, Former High Commissioner for Immigration and Intercultural Dialogue of Portugal

Flemish experience: **Ms Inge Hellemans**, Policy advisor, Flemish Authority, Agency for Home Affairs, Belgium

Finnish experience: **Ms Pia Lindfors**, Head of Domestic Programme, Finnish Refugee Council

Discussion

Official Dinner

Friday, 24 October 2014

09.30 **IV - Concluding session**

Mr Antonio Braga, Chair of the Sub-Committee on Co-operation with non- European countries of origin and transit

Mr El Mokhtar Ghambou, Member of Parliament of Morocco

Closing of the seminar by Mr Mohamed Yatim, Chairperson of the Moroccan Partner for Democracy delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly

10.30-13.00 Study visit Morocco: a crossroads of migration routes and cultures

Evening: departure of participants