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PROGRAMME

9.00 – 9.30 **Opening Ceremony**

Alvaro Gil-Robles, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe

John Wilkinson, Chairperson of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population of the Parliamentary Assembly

Theme I **The Status of Unaccompanied Minors in European Asylum Policies**

Chair: Andrea Baršová, former Chairperson of the Ad hoc Committee of Experts on Legal Aspects of Territorial Asylum, Refugees and Stateless Persons (CAHAR) of the Council of Europe

9.30 – 10.15 Asylum Proceedings relating to Unaccompanied Minors

Presentation of Samuel Boutruche, UNHCR, followed by a discussion

10.15 – 10.30 Break

10.30 – 11.15 Ways to improve Protection of Unaccompanied Minors in Asylum Policies

Presentation of Terry Smith, Save the Children, followed by a discussion

11.15 – 12.00 Reception of Unaccompanied Minors in a New European Union State

Presentation of Julia Demeter, Director of the separated minor's home in Békéscsaba, Hungary followed by a discussion

Theme II **Solutions to combat children trafficking in Europe**

Chair: Helga Konrad, Chair of the Stability Pact's Task Force on Trafficking in Human Beings (OSCE)

14.00 – 14.45 Overview of Trafficking in Minors in Europe, preventive actions and repatriation to country of origin

Presentation of Daniel Kozak, Public Information Officer, IOM mission in Romania, followed by a discussion

14.45 – 15.30 Fighting children trafficking in Greece and South-Eastern Europe

Presentation of Yorgos Moschos, Deputy Ombudsman of Greece, responsible for the protection of children rights followed by a discussion

15.30 – 16.15 Minors in the upcoming Council of Europe's Convention on Trafficking in Human Beings

Presentation Gianluca Esposito, Head of the Economic Crime Division, Council of Europe, followed by a discussion

Conclusion :

Ruth-Gaby Vermot-Mangold, Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Refugees, Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population, Parliamentary Assembly

Maud De Boer-Buquicchio, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe

Alvaro Gil-Robles, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe