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DRAFT AGENDA

Mini-Hearing

Supporting Niger, key cross-road of migrations to the EU via Libya

in association with the parliamentary committee DEVE

Monday 4 June 2018, 15.00 - 17.00

European Parliament, Brussels

Jozsef Antall Building

Room: JAN 4Q2

Background

This mini-hearing is intended to follow-up on the visit paid by a delegation of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE) to Niger on 2-6 April 2018. It is also related to the EP delegation visit to Libya from 20 - 23 May 2018.

During their visit in Niger, LIBE Members had the chance to meet with Nigerien Parliamentarians at the National Assembly. Nigerien MPs, in particular those involved in the Parliamentary network on migration, expressed a call for cooperation to their European counterparts. As a follow-up to the visit and a response to this call, LIBE coordinators decided on 24 April that a public mini-hearing should be organised in the European Parliament around the presentation of the delegation report to LIBE, to which to Nigerien Parliamentarians would be invited.

The situation on the ground in Libya and Niger is of great interest for LIBE with regard to the reception of persons in need of international protection, the fight against smuggling and trafficking in human beings, resettlement, readmission and reintegration and funding of such activities by the European Union. While the situation and EU activities in Libya have been subject of a number of LIBE meetings, the situation of Niger as a key transit country of migratory routes from sub-Saharan Africa to the Mediterranean and as a stable partner for a security architecture in the Sahel region with all its repercussions for the EU should receive more attention of the LIBE committee.

While the EU participates in the UN-led quartet for the reunification and pacification of Libya and in particular in the AU-UN-EU Task Force to accelerate the assisted voluntary returns from Libya to countries of origin and the emergency evacuation mechanism of the UNHCR, Niger has been selected as one of five priority countries in the renewed EU partnership framework on migration. Initially aimed at reinforcing the capacity building of Nigerien security authorities, EU support has evolved to assist the Nigerien central and local authorities as well as the security forces in developing policies, techniques and procedures to better control and fight irregular migration as well as consequent smuggling and trafficking in human beings.

The EU is engaged in Libya and Niger through the Emergency Trust Fund for stability and addressing root causes of irregular migration and displaced persons in Africa (EUTF for Africa) which finances various projects with partners such as IOM and UNHCR. IOM runs various programmes, notably for the voluntary return and reintegration of migrants in their country of origin. As for UNHCR, it is responsible in particular for the resettlement programme of people evacuated from Libya.

Order of business

15.00 – 16.05 Oral report by the Chair of the EP Delegation visit to Libya on 21 May 2018
(5 minutes)

Presentation of the draft report of the LIBE delegation to Niger by the Chair, Claude MORAES (and possibly intervention by other members of the delegation)
(10 minutes)

Intervention by the Head of the EU delegation in Niger, Ambassador Raul MATEUS PAULA
(5 minutes)

Intervention by Amina SAMINOU LAOULI, Member of the National Assembly of Niger and President of the Nigerien Parliamentary Network on Migrations
(10 minutes)

Intervention by Mano AGHALI, Member of the National Assembly of Niger for the constituency of Agadez
(10 minutes)

Intervention by Eugenio AMBROSI, Director of IOM Brussels
(5 minutes) (tbc)

Intervention by Annabelle ROIG-GRANJON, Head of the EU-Global Issues Unit a.i. in UNHCR's Regional Representation for EU Affairs
(5 minutes)

Intervention by Denis HAVEAUX, Director of the Red Cross EU Office
(5 minutes)

Intervention by Soumaila MAIGA IBRAHIM, Coordinator Niger Projects of *Médecins du Monde* Belgium
(5 minutes)

Intervention by a representative of the European Commission
(5 minutes)

16.05 - 17.00 **Questions and Answers Session**

Annex

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