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COMMITTEE ON MIGRATION, REFUGEES AND POPULATION

SEMINARS ON

1. Interaction between population decline in Europe, global population growth and migration
2. Protracted internal displacement in Europe: perspectives and solutions
3. Rights of all migrants workers and members of their family

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Palais des Nations, Geneva, 25 and 26 November 2008 (am only) – ROOM XII
Palais Wilson, Geneva, 26 November 2008 (pm only)

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English and French*

MONDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2008

Arrival of participants

TUESDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2008, 9 AM TO 5.30 PM - PALAIS DES NATIONS, GENEVA

**SEMINAR 1 ON
INTERACTION BETWEEN POPULATION DECLINE IN EUROPE,
GLOBAL POPULATION GROWTH AND MIGRATION ¹**

Palais des Nations (Room XII), 14 avenue de la Paix, Geneva
(09:00-16:00)

08:30 **Registration of participants** (Pregny Gate)

09:00-09:15 **Welcome and Introduction**

Mrs Siri TELLIER, General Rapporteur, Director, Geneva Office of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

Mrs Corien W.A. JONKER, Chairperson of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population, Netherlands, EPP/CD

09:15-10:15 **Session I : POPULATION DECLINE IN EUROPE: WHAT ROLE FOR FERTILITY POLICIES?**

Chair **Mrs Christine McCafferty**, Chairperson of the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee, United Kingdom, SOC

Overview:

Ms Gerda Ruth NEYER, Senior Research Scientist, Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, Rostock (Germany)

Country Examples:

Statements by members of the Parliamentary Assembly

Discussion

10:15-11:15 **Session II : EUROPE'S AGEING POPULATION: HOW CAN INSTITUTIONS ADAPT TO THE CHALLENGE?**

Chair **Mr Francis AGIUS**, Chair of the Maltese Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly, Malta, EPP/CD

Overview:

Mr Asghar ZAIDI, Senior Economist, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

Country Examples

Statements by members of the Parliamentary Assembly

Discussion

11:15-11:30 *Coffee Break*

¹ See **Appendix 1 (Outcomes and architecture of the Seminar)** and **Appendix 2 (Speaking time for orators)**

11:30-12:30 Session III : MIGRATION TO EUROPE: THREAT, OPPORTUNITY OR THE CHALLENGE OF MANAGING THE INEVITABLE?

Chair Mr Mevlüt ÇAVUŞOĞLU, Chair of the Sub-Committee on Migration, Turkey, EDG

Overview:

- **Mrs Michèle KLEIN SOLOMON**, Director, Migration Policy Research and Communications, International Organization for Migration (IOM), Geneva
- **Mr Manuel CARBALLO**, Executive Director, International Centre for Migration and Health, Geneva

Country Examples

- **Mrs Malahat HIBRAHIMGIZI**, MP, Azerbaijan, All-Party Parliamentary Group
- Statements by members of the Parliamentary Assembly

Discussion

Discussants for all three sessions

- **Ms Geneviève REDAY-MULVEY**, The International Association for the Study of Insurance Economics, Geneva
- **ZZ.....** European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) (to be confirmed)
- **Mr Giorgio SIRACUSA**, President Human Resources, Procter and Gamble (Western Europe)

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch

14:00-16:00 Session IV : CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Chair Mrs Gultakin HAJIYEVA, Chair of the Sub-Committee on Population, Azerbaijan, EPP/CD

Keynote Speakers

- **Dr ZHAO Baige**, Vice-Minister of Population and Family Planning, China
- **Mr HU Hongtao**, Deputy Director General, Department of International Cooperation, National Population and Family Planning Commission, China

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION on interaction between population decline in Europe, global population growth and migration, considering future policy options to be recommended by PACE

Summary of Challenges:

Mr Neil DATTA, Secretary, European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development (EPF)

Debate, with the participation of:

- **Mr Francis AGIUS**, Chair of the Maltese Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly, Malta, EPP/CD
- **Mr Manuel CARBALLO**, Executive Director, International Centre for Migration and Health, Geneva
- **Mr Mevlüt ÇAVUŞOĞLU**, Chair of the Sub-Committee on Migration, Turkey, EDG
- **Mrs Malahat HIBRAHIMGIZI**, MP, Azerbaijan, All-Party Parliamentary Group
- **Mrs Michèle KLEIN SOLOMON**, Director, Migration Policy Research and Communications, International Organization for Migration (IOM), Geneva
- **Mrs Christine McCAFFERTY**, Chairperson of the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee, United Kingdom, SOC

- **Ms Gerda Ruth NEYER**, Senior Research Scientist, Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, Rostock (Germany)
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- **Mr Giorgio SIRACUSA**, President Human Resources, Procter and Gamble (Western Europe)
- **Mr Asghar ZAIDI**, Senior Economist, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

General Rapporteurs

Mrs Siri TELLIER, General Rapporteur, Director, Geneva Office of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

Mr Neil DATTA, Co-Rapporteur, Secretary, European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development (EPF)

16:00 **End of the Session**

16:00-17:30 MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON MIGRATIONS, REFUGEES AND POPULATION (Palais des Nations, Room XII, Geneva)
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EVENING (after the meeting) (around 6.00 pm)

*Reception and Dinner hosted by the Swiss Parliament
Restaurant « l'Attique »*

*World Meteorological Organization (WMO) – last floor
Avenue de la Paix 7 bis – 1202 Geneva – Tel :+41 022 730 80 60*

WEDNESDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2008

09:00- 12:30 PALAIS DES NATIONS, GENEVA

15:00-17:30 PALAIS WILSON, GENEVA

**SEMINAR 2 ON PROTRACTED DISPLACEMENT IN EUROPE:
PERSPECTIVES AND SOLUTIONS**

Wednesday, 26 November, Room XII - Palais des Nations, Geneva
(09:00- 12:30) ¹

Chair: Mrs Corien W.A. JONKER, Chairperson of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population, Netherlands, EPP/C

09:00 Welcome by the Chair

09:10 Keynote speeches (15' each):

- **Prof. Walter KÄLIN**, Special Representative of the UN Secretary General on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)
- **Mr Thomas HAMMARBERG**, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe

09:45 Interventions from Geneva based organisations (5-7' each) :

- **Ms Nadine WALICKI**, Country Analyst, Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC), on *Overview of the present situation of internal displacement in Europe, with a focus on regional trends, common outstanding challenges / opportunities, lessons learnt and recommendations*
- **ZZ.....**, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) on *the neglected displacement: a review of the scope and suggestions for durable solutions*
- **Ms Heike ALEFSEN**, Unit Coordinator a.i. of Europe, North America and Central Asia Unit, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) on *Human Rights problems encountered by IDPs in Europe (tbc)*
- **Mr Pasquale LUPOLI**, Director, Operations Support Department (ESD), International Organization for Migration (IOM/ESD), on *de facto* protection of IDPs
- **Mr Ramesh RAJASINGHAM**, Chief of Section, Displacement and Protection Support Section, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA/DPSS) on *The role of humanitarian organisations in protracted displacement situations in Europe*
- **Mr Syméon ANTOULAS**, Diplomatic adviser, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) on *ICRC Statement on Protracted displacement in Europe*
- **Mr Miguel BERMEO**, Senior Deputy Director of the Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery (BCPR), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) on *IDP Reintegration and Development*

10:45 Coffee break

11.00 Exchange of views

12.15 Chair Summary and Closing

12:30–13:45 Lunch break

13:45-14:30 Departure of participants to Palais Wilson, Geneva
(Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights Headquarters)
[participants can either walk or take the tram 3 or 5, alight Butini stop]

¹ See Appendix 3 : Background note

**SEMINAR 3 ON
RIGHTS OF ALL MIGRANT WORKERS AND MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILY**

Palais Wilson, 52 rue des Paquis, Geneva
(Conference Room, Ground Floor)
(15:00-17:30)

[14:30 *Registration of participants*]

Exchange of views with members of the expert Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Family, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) on:

Chair: **Mr Abdelhamid EL JAMRI**, Chairman of the expert Committee on Migrant Workers

- (i) the current work of the expert Committee on Migrant Workers
- (ii) the current work of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population
- (iii) protection of migrant workers through International Migration Law
Mr Patrick TARAN, Migration Specialist, ILO
- (iv) prospects of implementation of the UN Convention on rights of all migrant workers and members of their family in the member states of the Council of Europe

APPENDIX 1

INFORMATION NOTE

Regarding the Seminar 1 on Interaction between Population Decline in Europe, Global Population Growth and Migration

Purpose and Expected Outcomes of the Seminar

The seminar aims to provide an overview at the interrelated issues of fertility, ageing and migration with particular attention to employment matters. Together with renowned policy experts, UN Agencies and experience from country representatives, Parliamentarians will discuss myths and constraints regarding Europe's declining population and migration as a potential remedy and elaborate feasible ways forward on the issue.

The seminar is a follow up to the Assembly's Motion for a Resolution on Europe's Population Decline and Migration (Doc 11346), presented by Hon. Gultakin Hajieva, MP (Azerbaijan, EPP/CD) on 3 July 2007 and signed by 12 further Parliamentarians.

The results of the Seminar will suggest possible ways to take by the Council of Europe States in regards to fertility policies, adapting to ageing population and challenges of migration. These will be incorporated in the further Assembly report and a draft resolution.

Architecture of the Seminar

In the three morning panels the participants will share the latest developments regarding fertility, ageing and migration in the CoE region and discuss policy responses. Each panel consists of a 15 minute overview presentation by an invited expert, two country-level examples presented by MPs from various countries in the CoE region, and a 30 minute discussion. On each topic, the discussion will begin with a brief "reality check" by invited employment specialists and continue with contributions from the Parliamentarians present.

The afternoon session consists of two parts: First, a keynote address by an eminent speaker from Asia (20 minutes plus 10 minutes for discussion) and, second, a roundtable discussion. After a brief introduction by the co-rapporteur, roundtable participants and Parliamentarians from the floor will consider future policy options to be recommended by PACE and suggest ways of overcoming constraints.

In the evening, a dinner will be hosted by the Swiss Parliament to which all seminar participants are warmly invited.

APPENDIX 2

Seminar 1 : Speaking time for orators

Welcome and Introduction

Mrs Siri TELLIER	5-7 minutes
Mrs Corien W.A. JONKER	5-7 minutes

Session I : POPULATION DECLINE IN EUROPE: WHAT ROLE FOR FERTILITY POLICIES?

Ms Gerda Ruth NEYER	10 minutes
Members of the Parliamentary Assembly (Country examples)	3-4 minutes for each statement

Session II : EUROPE'S AGEING POPULATION: HOW CAN INSTITUTIONS ADAPT TO THE CHALLENGE?

Mr Asghar ZAIDI	10 minutes
Members of the Parliamentary Assembly (Country examples)	3-4 minutes for each statement

Session III : MIGRATION TO EUROPE: THREAT, OPPORTUNITY OR THE CHALLENGE OF MANAGING THE INEVITABLE?

Mrs Michèle KLEIN SOLOMON	10 minutes
Mr Manuel CARBALLO	5 minutes
Mrs Malahat HASANOVA	3-4 minutes
Members of the Parliamentary Assembly (Country examples)	3-4 minutes for each statement

Discussants for all three sessions

Ms Geneviève REDAY-MULVEY	5 minutes
Mrs Catelene PASSCHIER	5 minutes
Mr Giorgio SIRACUSA	5 minutes

Session IV : CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Mrs ZHAO Baige	10-15 minutes
Mr Neil DATTA	5 minutes
Participants in the Debate	no specific time allocated

Session IV - General Rapporteurs

Mrs Siri TELLIER	5 minutes
Mr Neil DATTA	5 minutes

APPENDIX 3

Seminar 2: Background note

Protracted Internal Displacement in Europe: Perspectives and Solutions

Geneva, 26 November 2008,

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe will come to Geneva on 25 – 26 November 2008 for a series of seminars with Geneva based organizations. Among this is a seminar on the topic of Protracted Internal Displacement in Europe: Perspectives and Solutions. The seminar is co-organized by the Committee, OHCHR and the Office of the Representative of the Secretary General on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons. The seminar will be held in the five working languages of the Council of Europe.

The half-day seminar shall provide the committee members and seminar participants with the opportunity:

- To take stock and scope of the present situation of internal displacement in Europe and recent trends to address such situations
- To assess the present situations in the light of CoE Committee of Ministers Recommendation (2006)6¹
- To explore possibilities for increased cooperation between the CoE Parliamentary Assembly and Geneva based organizations.

Speakers and participants are invited to reflect on the following questions:

- What are the challenges and the opportunities to find durable solutions for internally displaced persons (IDPs) in protracted situations in line with States' human rights obligations, including as spelled out in CoE Recommendation (2006)6?
- In a protracted situation where durable solutions for displaced persons might not be feasible, how to reconcile the right of IDPs to fully participate equally, as citizens or habitual residents of their country, in the social and economic activities, in terms of access to justice and protection from violence and their right to return?
- What could be the role of the Parliamentary Assembly and in particular its Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population to advance the protection of the human rights of IDPs and to make the issue of protracted displacement situations a priority topic of the Council of Europe in 2009?

¹ Recommendation Rec(2006)6 of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to member states on internally displaced persons adopted on 5 April 2006 at the 961st meeting of the Ministers' Deputies. The recommendation can be downloaded on the website: <https://wcd.coe.int/ViewDoc.jsp?id=987573&BackColorInternet=9999CC&BackColor>