



## Bureau of the Assembly

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### Ad hoc committee on large scale arrival of refugees to Turkey

To the Members of the Assembly

#### Synopsis

of the meeting held in Istanbul and Gaziantep (Turkey)  
on 14-16 June 2015

The ad hoc committee of the Bureau of the Assembly on large scale arrival of refugees to Turkey, meeting on 14-16 June 2015 first in Istanbul and then in Gaziantep, with Ms Anne Brasseur, President of the Assembly, in the Chair,

was welcomed by: Mr Mevlüt ÇAVUŞOĞLU, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkey

and Mr Reha DENEMEÇ, Chairperson of the Turkish delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

As regards:

- **Challenges faced by Turkey in dealing with the influx of refugees from Syria** (Istanbul, 14 June 2015): held a hearing with the participation of:

Ms Anne BRASSEUR, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

Mr Fuat OKTAY, President of the Prime Ministry Disaster and Emergency Management Authority (AFAD)

Ms Pascale MOREAU, Representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Turkey

Mr Guy S. GOODWIN-GILL, Professor of International Refugee Law at Oxford University and Senior Research Fellow at All Souls College, Oxford University

- **Visit to Syrian refugee camps** (Gaziantep, 15 June 2015): visited the *Elbeyli Visiting Centre*, *Nizip I* and *Nizip II Visiting Centers*, a social integration project in Kilis, and heard statements by:

Mr Hasan KARA, Mayor of Kilis

and Ms Fatma ŞAHİN, Mayor of Gaziantep

- **Follow-up:** invited its Chairperson to present a report on the visit during the Bureau meeting on Monday 22 June 2015.

Sonia Sirtori

## LIST OF PARTICIPANTS / LISTE DES PARTICIPANTS

### Members of the ad hoc Committee // Membres de la Commission ad hoc

#### **Chairperson / Présidente**

Ms Anne BRASSEUR, **President of the Assembly**

#### **Presidential Committee / Comité des Présidents**

Mr Andreas GROSS (Switzerland, SOC)

Mr Pedro AGRAMUNT (Spain, EPP/CD)

Mr Jordi XUCLÀ (Spain, ALDE)

Mr Robert WALTER (United Kingdom, EC), replacing Mr Christopher CHOPE

Mr Andrej HUNKO (Germany, UEL) replacing Mr Tiny KOX

#### **National delegations**

Mr Senad ŠEPIĆ	Chairperson	Bosnia and Herzegovina	EPP/CD
Ms Dana VÁHALOVÁ	Chairperson	Czech Republic	SOC
Mr Jacob LUND	Chairperson	Denmark	SOC
M. René ROUQUET	Chairperson	France	SOC
Mr Tobias ZECH	Member	Germany	EPP/CD
Ms Ioanneta KAVVADIA	Member	Greece	UEL
Mr Karl GARÐARSSON	Chairperson	Iceland	ALDE
Ms Olivia MITCHELL	Member	Ireland	EPP/CD
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M. Yves CRUCHTEN	Vice-Chairperson	Luxembourg	SOC
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Mr Piotr WACH	Chairperson	Poland	EPP/CD
Ms Doris FIALA	Chairperson	Switzerland	ALDE
Mr Reha DENEMEÇ	Chairperson	Turkey	EC

### Other participants // Autres participants

#### **Guest speakers - Invités**

Mr Mevlüt ÇAVUŞOĞLU, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkey

Mr Fuat OKTAY, President of the Prime Ministry Disaster and Emergency Management Authority (AFAD)

Ms Pascale MOREAU, Representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Turkey

Mr Guy S. GOODWIN-GILL, Professor of International Refugee Law at Oxford University

Mr Hasan KARA, Mayor of Kilis

Ms Fatma ŞAHİN, Mayor of Gaziantep

#### **Turkish representatives**

#### **Members of the Turkish delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe**

Mr Şaban DİŞLİ, Member of the parliamentary delegation

Mr Ömer SELVİ, Member of the parliamentary delegation

Ms Tülin ERKAL KARA, Member of the parliamentary delegation

#### **Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

Mr Atılay ERSAN, Ambassador, Adviser to the Turkish delegation to the Assembly

Ms Esen ALTUĞ, Deputy Director General, Asylum, Visa and Immigration

Mr Can Sabih KANADOĞLU, First Secretary

**Council of Europe Secretariat**

Mr Wojciech SAWICKI	Secretary General of the Assembly
Mr Mark NEVILLE	Head of the Private Office of the President of the Assembly
Ms Sonia SIRTORI	Head of the Secretariat of the Bureau of the Assembly
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