

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON MIGRATION, REFUGEES AND DEMOGRAPHY

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The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Demography, meeting on 22, 23 and 25 April 2002, with Mr Einarsson (Sweden, UEL) and then Mr Iwiński (Poland, SOC) in the Chair:

As regards:

- *Situation in the Near East*: appointed Mr Iwiński to intervene on its behalf in the urgent debate;
- *Activities of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)* (Rapporteur: Mr Slutsky, Russia, SOC): took note that no amendments had been tabled to the draft recommendation and held an exchange of views with Mr Kellenberger, President of the ICRC;
- *Legal situation of the Roma in Europe* (Rapporteur for opinion: Mr Cilevičs, Latvia, SOC): adopted a draft opinion and amendments to be tabled on behalf of the Committee;
- *State of the world population* (Rapporteur: Mrs Lörcher, Germany, SOC): approved a draft report and adopted a draft recommendation and a draft order;
- *Social measures for children of war in South-Eastern Europe* (Rapporteur for opinion: Mrs Vermot-Mangold, Switzerland, SOC) approved a draft opinion and amendments to be tabled on behalf of the Committee;
- *Receiving conditions and capacities of asylum seekers in European seaports* (Rapporteur: Mr Gaber, Ukraine, SOC): heard a report by Mr Hancock (United Kingdom, LDR) on his visit to the port of Dover (14 March 2002) and appointed Mr Danieli (Italy, LDR) to replace Mr Gaber as Rapporteur;
- *Creation of a charter of intent against clandestine migration* (Rapporteur: Mr Wilkinson, United Kingdom, EDG): considered a revised preliminary draft report;
- *Situation of refugees and displaced persons in Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia* (Rapporteur: Mrs Vermot-Mangold, Switzerland, SOC): took note of a preliminary draft report and of a preliminary draft recommendation and heard a statement by Mr Kakubava, Member of the Georgian Parliament and Leader of the Refugees' Party, on the situation of refugees and internally displaced persons in Georgia;
- *Freedom of movement in member states of the Council of Europe for holders of temporary residence permits in a member state* (Rapporteur: Mrs Aguiar, Portugal, EPP/CD): took note of a memorandum;
- *Situation of refugees and displaced persons in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia* (Rapporteur: Mr Cilevičs, Latvia, SOC): heard a statement from the Rapporteur on his visit to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (5-10 April 2002), and considered a memorandum and a preliminary draft recommendation;
- *Population displacement in South-Eastern Europe: trends, problems, solutions* (Rapporteur: Mrs Zwerver, Netherlands, SOC): heard a statement from the Rapporteur on her visit to Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (2-5 April 2002);

- *The specific situation of young migrants* (Rapporteur: Mr Yáñez-Barnuevo, Spain, SOC): heard a statement by the Rapporteur;
- *Policies for the integration of immigrants in Council of Europe member States* (Rapporteur: Mrs Zwerver, Netherlands, SOC): considered an outline for a report;
- *Centre of Sangatte* (Calais, France): heard a report by Mr Agramunt on the exchange of views with Mr Smaïn Laacher, sociologist in charge of a study on the residents of the centre (Sub-Committee on Refugees, 23 April 2002) and considered an information note presented by Mr Agramunt;
- *Membership in the Sub-Committees*: took note of the modification of the membership of the Sub-Committee on Refugees in view of the forthcoming Conference in Lecce (30-31 May 2002);
- *Situation of refugees and displaced persons in the Russian Federation and other CIS countries* (Rapporteur: Mr Iwiński, Poland, SOC): discussed the preparation of the Seminar in Voronej, 11-12 June 2002;
- *Appointment of Rapporteurs*: appointed Mrs Stoitsits (Austria, SOC) as Rapporteur on "internal displacement in Europe" (Doc. 9247), and Mr Akselsen (Norway, SOC) on "humanitarian situation of refugees and displaced persons in the Middle East" (Doc 9359);
- *Appointment of representatives*: appointed Mr Iwiński (Poland, SOC) and Mr Einarsson (Sweden, UEL) to participate in the "Nansen Refugee Award", Oslo, 20 June 2002, and Mr Laakso (Finland, UEL) to represent it at the Seminar on "The role of civil society in Cyprus in building confidence and reconciliation" organised by the Friedrich Ebert Foundation in Strasbourg, 12-14 May 2002;
- *Next meetings*: confirmed the dates and places as follows:
 - Lucerne, 27 May 2002 (*in the framework of the Standing Committee, 27-29 May 2002*), European Day: Asylum, Migration and Refugees, and Plenary Committee;
 - Lecce (Italy), 30-31 May 2002, Sub-Committee on Refugees and ad hoc Sub-Committee on receiving conditions and capacities in European seaports for asylum seekers;
 - Voronej (Russia), 11-12 June 2002, Plenary Committee, Seminar on the humanitarian situation of refugees and displaced persons in CIS countries;
 - Strasbourg, during the 3rd part of the session 2002 (24-28.6.2002);
 - Strasbourg, during the 4th part of the session 2002 (23-27.9.2002);
 - Brussels, 3-4 October 2002 Joint meeting of the Plenary Committee with the Committee on Citizens' Freedoms and Rights, Justice and Home Affairs of the European Parliament and Hearing (*subject to confirmation and to authorisation by the Bureau*).

The Sub-Committee on Migration, meeting in Strasbourg on 23 April 2002, with Mr Wilkinson (United Kingdom, EDG) in the Chair:

As regards:

- *Election to the Vice-Chair*: elected Mr Yáñez-Barnuevo (Spain, SOC);
- *Migration in Europe: need for new policies?*: hold a hearing with Mrs Gabriella Battaini Dragoni, Director General, DG III Social Cohesion, and with Mrs Chiara Marolla and Mr Piotr Walczak of the Secretariat of the European Committee on Migration (CDMG);
- *7th Conference of European Ministers responsible for migration affairs (Helsinki, 16-17 September 2002)*: took note of the preliminary draft programme;
- *Next meeting*:
 - Helsinki, 16-17 September 2002 (*subject to authorisation by the Bureau*).

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The Sub-Committee on Refugees, meeting in Strasbourg on 23 April 2002, with Mr Agramunt (Spain, EPP/CD) in the Chair:

As regards:

- *Situation in the Centre of Sangatte (Calais, France)*: held an exchange of views with Mr Smain Laacher, a sociologist conducting a study on the residents of the centre, and took note of an information note prepared by the Secretariat on the instructions of the Chair;
- *Conference on the arrival of asylum seekers at European seaports and coastal areas (Lecce, Italy, 30-31 May 2002)*: held an exchange of views;
- *Next meeting*:
 - Lecce (Italy), 30-31 May 2002.

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The Sub-Committee on Demography, meeting in Strasbourg on 25 April 2002, with Mr Mutman (Turkey, SOC) in the Chair:

As regards:

- *Election to the Vice-Chair*: elected Mr Tkáč (Slovakia, GDE);
- *Population and development*: held an exchange of views on a future initiative as a follow-up to the international Conference on this theme held in Cairo in 1994 and as a preparation for an input to the "Cairo + 10" discussions in 2004.

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