

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

SECRETARIAT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

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**The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Demography**, meeting in Strasbourg on 23, 24, 25 and 26 June 2003, with first Mr Iwiński (Poland, SOC) and then Mrs de Zulueta (Italy, SOC) and Mr Einarsson (Sweden, UEL) in the Chair:

As regards:

- *Activities of the International Organization for Migration (IOM), 1998-2002* (Rapporteur: Mr Wilkinson, United Kingdom, EDG): approved two amendments to be tabled on behalf of the Committee;
- *Colonisation by Turkish settlers of the occupied part of Cyprus* (Rapporteur: Mr Laakso, Finland, UEL): appointed Mr Einarsson (Sweden, UEL) to present the report in the Assembly, and heard a statement by Mr Türköz, representative of the Turkish Cypriot political forces;
- *The situation of Palestinian refugees* (Rapporteur: Mr Akselsen, Norway, SOC): took position on the amendments;
- *Policies for the integration of immigrants in Council of Europe member states* (Rapporteur: Mrs Zwerver, Netherlands, SOC): adopted a preliminary draft recommendation and approved a draft report;
- *Rights of elderly migrants* (Rapporteur: Mr Nessa, Italy, EPP/CD): adopted a preliminary draft recommendation, as amended, and approved a draft report;
- *Migrants in irregular employment in the agricultural sector of southern European countries* (Rapporteur: Mrs de Zulueta, Italy, SOC): adopted a preliminary draft recommendation and approved a draft report;
- *Common policy on migration and asylum* (Rapporteur: Mr Hancock, United Kingdom, LDR): adopted a preliminary draft recommendation and approved a revised draft report;
- *Receiving conditions and capacities in European seaports for asylum seekers* (Rapporteur: Mr Danieli, Italy, LDR): heard an account of the Rapporteur on his visit to Greece (11-12 June 2003), considered a preliminary draft report and decided to modify the title of the report as follows: 'Access to assistance and protection for asylum seekers at European seaports and coastal areas';

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cc. Secretary General of the Assembly  
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Secretaries of Political Groups of the Assembly  
Directors General  
Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe  
Director of Communication and Research  
Secretary of the Committee of Ministers  
Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe

- *Forced returns of Roma from the former Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, including Kosovo, to Serbia and Montenegro from Council of Europe member States* (Rapporteur: Mr Einarsson, Sweden, UEL): considered a memorandum;
- *Persons unaccounted for as a result of armed conflicts or internal violence in the Balkans* (Rapporteur: Mr Çavuşoğlu, Turkey, EDG): considered an outline for a report, and authorised the Rapporteur to carry out a fact-finding visit to the ICRC's Headquarters in Geneva and to the Balkans;
- *A European migration observatory* (Rapporteur: Mr Iwiński, Poland, SOC): considered a memorandum;
- *Human mobility and right to family reunion* (Rapporteur: Mrs Zapfl-Helbling, Switzerland, EPP/CD): considered an outline for a report;
- *The situation in Chechnya* (Rapporteur: Mr Iwiński, Poland, SOC): held an exchange of views on the holding of a Round Table on humanitarian aid, assistance to displaced persons and on reconstruction prospects in the Chechen Republic and established the composition of the *ad hoc* sub-Committee entrusted with the co-organisation, in cooperation with the State Duma and the Council of the Federation, of the Round Table and with reporting back to the Committee on its results, as follows:

Members:

- Mr Branger (EDG)
- NN (EPP/CD)
- Mr Einarsson (UEL)
- Mr Hancock (LDR)
- Lord Judd (SOC)
- *ex officio*: Mr Iwiński (SOC)

Substitutes:

- Ms Saks (SOC)
- Mrs Vermot-Mangold (SOC)
- Mr Wilkinson (EDG)

- *Migration Policies of Mexico*: held an exchange of views with Mr Sánchez Carreño of the Mexican parliamentary observer delegation;
- *Migration and refugee debates in national parliaments*: was informed about replies to the questionnaire sent to national parliaments concerning an exchange of information on issues of common interest with relevant committees;
- *European Population Conference*: was informed about the agreement with the European Population Committee (CAHP) to prepare the organisation of a European Population Conference involving several Assembly committees in early 2005;
- *Mediterranean forum – preparation of the meeting of the Committee in Cyprus (20-22 October 2003)*: held an exchange of views on the draft programme;
- *Situation of refugees and migrants in Turkey – preparation of the meeting and seminar of the sub-Committee on refugees (Istanbul, 18-19 September 2003)*: held an exchange of views on the draft programme;
- *Priorities and work programme 2003*: took note of the revised work programme
- *Conference 'Foreigners' integration and participation in European cities'*, jointly organised by the city of Stuttgart and the CLRAE (Stuttgart, 15-16 September 2003): heard a presentation from Mrs L'Hyver-Yesou, Head of the Central Unit of CLRAE, and appointed Mrs Zwerver (Netherlands, SOC) and Mr Yáñez-Barnuevo (Spain, SOC) as its representatives, upon condition of funding availability;
- *Composition of the sub-Committees*: took note of the modifications;

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- *Activities of the Committee of Ministers*: took note of replies to:
  - Recommendation 1552 (2002) – Vocational training of young asylum seekers in host countries
  - Recommendation 1557 (2002) – Legal situation of Roma in Europe
  - Recommendation 1561 (2002) – Social measures for children of war in south-eastern Europe
  - Recommendation 1588 (2003) – Population displacement in South-eastern Europe: trends, problems, solutions
  - Recommendation 1593 (2003) – Evaluation of the prospects of a political solution to the conflict in the Chechen Republic

as well as of the Committee of Ministers Recommendation Rec(2003)5 to member states on measures of detention of asylum seekers;

- *Next meetings*:
  - Istanbul, 18-19 September 2003, *Sub-Committee on Refugees*
  - Strasbourg, during the 4<sup>th</sup> part of the session 2003 (25.9–2.10.2003)
  - Cyprus, 20-22 October 2003
  - Brussels, 3 November 2003, Hearing on the consequences of Enlargement for the Schengen Agreement (*subject to confirmation and authorisation by the Bureau*)
  - Paris, 5 December 2003.

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