

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

SECRETARIAT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

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The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population, meeting in Paris on 10 March 2004, with Mr Branger (France, EPP/CD) in the Chair:

As regards:

- *Situation of refugees and displaced persons in the Russian Federation and some other CIS countries* (Rapporteur: Mr Iwiński, Poland, SOC): approved a draft report and adopted a draft recommendation as amended;
- *A European migration observatory/agency* (Rapporteur: Mr Iwiński, Poland, SOC): approved a draft report and adopted a draft Recommendation;
- *Human mobility and right to family reunion* (Rapporteur: Mrs Zapfl-Helbling, Switzerland, EPP/CD): approved a revised draft report and adopted a draft Recommendation as amended;
- *Population trends in Europe and their sensitivity to policy measures* (Rapporteur: Mr Brunhart, Liechtenstein, EPP/CD): considered a preliminary draft report and held an exchange of views with Prof. Robert CLIQUET, Population and Social Policy Consultants;
- *Protection and assistance for separated children seeking asylum* (Rapporteur: Mrs Torrado, Spain, SOC): in the absence of the Rapporteur, took note of a memorandum;
- *Asylum seekers and irregular migrants in Turkey* (Rapporteur: Mr Aliyev, Azerbaijan, SOC): in the absence of the Rapporteur, took note of a memorandum;
- *Integration difficulties of immigrants as a potential threat to the fundamental values of the Council of Europe* (Rapporteur: Mr Branger, France, EPP/CD): considered an outline for a report;
- *Co-development policies as a positive measure to regulate migratory flows* (Rapporteur: Mr Salles, France, EPP/CD): in the absence of the Rapporteur, took note of an outline for a report;
- *New trends and challenges for Euro-Mediterranean migration policies* (Rapporteur: Mr Danieli, Italy, LDR): in the absence of the Rapporteur, took note of an outline for a report;
- *The humanitarian situation of refugees and displaced persons in Chechnya*: heard an oral report by Mrs Hoffmann (Germany, SOC), Chairperson of the *ad hoc* Sub-Committee on its meeting, heard a statement by Mr Nabil BENBEKHTI, Representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) on the present humanitarian situation of displaced population in Chechnya and Ingushetia, and took note of Mrs Hoffmann's proposal that the *ad hoc* Sub-Committee's Bureau go to Moscow and to Chechnya with a view to preparing the organisation of a Round Table on

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reconstruction, humanitarian aid and assistance to displaced persons in and from Chechnya, in cooperation with the Russian Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly (State Duma and Council of the Federation) (*subject to authorisation by the Bureau of the Assembly*);

- *Euro-Mexican parliamentary Forum on migration*: held an exchange of views on the draft programme;
- *Priorities and work programme 2004*: held an exchange of views;
- *Working migration from the countries of Eastern and Central Europe: present state and perspectives*: decided to ask the Bureau to be seized for report;
- *Appointment of rapporteurs*:
 - *The humanitarian situation of the Chechen displaced population*: Mr Iwiński (Poland, SOC);
 - *Activities of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees*: Mr Hancock (United Kingdom, LDR);
- *Appointment of representatives*:
 - *Meeting of the Committee on Social Cohesion of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of Europe* (Strasbourg, 23 March 2004): a member of the Bureau of the Committee (*with no costs for the Parliamentary Assembly*);
 - *Seminar on harmonisation of expulsion standards in Europe* organised by the Protestant Church in Germany ("Evangelische Kirche in Deutschland") (Berlin, 29 March 2004): Mrs Vermot-Mangold (Switzerland, SOC) (*with no costs for the Parliamentary Assembly*);
 - *4th Council Meeting of the Inter-European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development* (Ankara, 1-4 April 2004): Mr Tkáč (Slovakia, EDG) and Mr Gülçiçek (Turkey, SOC) (*with no costs for the Parliamentary Assembly*);
 - *Colloquy of the Sonacotra on Integration models on scrutiny: challenges and perspectives* (Paris, 18 June 2004): Mr Wilkinson (United Kingdom, EDG);
- *Modification in sub-committees*: appointed Mrs Bilozir (Ukraine, NR) as alternate to Mr Rakhansky in the Sub-Committee on Migration;
- *Dates and places of the next meetings*:
 - Hermosillo (Mexico), 29-31 March 2004
 - Strasbourg, during the 2nd part of the session 2004 (26-30 April 2004).

The Sub-Committee on Migration, meeting in Paris on 10 March 2004 with Mr Iwiński (Poland, SOC) in the Chair:

- *Election of the Vice-Chair*: elected Mr Kvakkestaad (Norway, EDG);
- *Work programme*: held an exchange of views;
- *Next meetings*: decided to hold its next meetings as follows:
 - Strasbourg, 13 May 2004: meeting of the Sub-Committee and participation in the Meeting of the Political Platform of the European Committee on Migration (CDMG);
 - Istanbul, September 2004: meeting of the Sub-Committee and participation in the Conference on transit migration organised by the CDMG.

The Sub-Committee on Refugees, meeting in Paris on 10 March 2004 with Mrs Vermot-Mangold (Switzerland, SOC) in the Chair:

- *Future work*: heard a presentation from the Chair and held an exchange of views;
- *Next meetings*: decided to hold its next meeting during the 2nd part of the session 2004 (26-30.4.2004).

The Sub-Committee on Population meeting in Paris on 10 March 2004 with Mr Tkáč (Slovakia, SOC) in the Chair:

- *Election of the Vice-Chair*: re-elected Mr Popa (Romania, SOC);
- *Next meetings*: decided to hold its next meeting in:
 - Strasbourg on 11 June 2004 on the occasion of the meeting of the European Population Committee (CAHP).

The ad hoc Sub-Committee on the Humanitarian Situation of Displaced Persons in Chechnya, meeting in Paris on 10 March 2004 with first Mr Branger (France, EPP/CD), then Mrs Hoffmann (Germany, SOC) in the Chair:

- *Election of the Chair*: elected Mrs Hoffmann (Germany, SOC);
- *Election of the Vice-Chair*: elected Mr Zavgayev (Russia, EDG);
- *Round Table on reconstruction, humanitarian aid and assistance to displaced persons in and from Chechnya*, organised in cooperation with the Russian Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly (State Duma and Council of the Federation): held an exchange of views and agreed that its Bureau should carry out a visit to Moscow in order to prepare the Round Table;
- *Next meetings*: left it to the Chair to convene the next meeting.

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