

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 Strasbourg on 22, 23 and 24 June 2004, with Mr Wilkinson (United Kingdom, EDG) in the Chair:

As regards:

– *Persons unaccounted for as a result of armed conflicts or internal violence in the Balkans* (Rapporteur: Mr Çavuşoğlu, Turkey, EDG): heard a statement by Mr Alvaro GIL-ROBLES, Commissioner for Human Rights, approved a draft report, adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation;

– *The humanitarian situation of the Chechen displaced population* (Rapporteur: Mr Iwiński, Poland, SOC): heard a statement by the Rapporteur, held an exchange of views, and authorised the Rapporteur to conduct a fact-finding visit to Chechnya;

– *Council of Europe Development Bank: a voice of solidarity* (Rapporteur for opinion: Mr Braun, Hungary, EPP/CD): approved a draft opinion including three amendments to be tabled on behalf of the Committee;

– *Integration difficulties of immigrants as a potential threat to the fundamental values of the Council of Europe* (Rapporteur: Mr Branger, France, EPP/CD): held an exchange of views with:

- Mr Michael HEAD, Chair of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI)
- Mrs Ólöf OLAFSDOTTIR, Head of Department of School and Out-of-School Education, Directorate General IV, Education, Culture and Heritage, Youth and Sport
- Mr Simon TONELLI, Head of the Migration Division, Secretary to the European Committee on Migration (CDMG)

– *Situation of refugees and displaced persons in the Russian Federation and some other CIS countries* (Rapporteur: Mr Iwiński, Poland, SOC): took a position on the amendments to the draft recommendation and proposed some sub-amendments;

– *Migration in Kazakhstan: held and exchange of views with:*

- Mr Leonid BURLAKOV, Chairman of the Committee on economy, finance and budget of the Senate
- Mr Issakhan ALIMZHANOV, member of the Committee on finance and budget of the Majilis
- Mr Abdizhalel BAKIR, member of the Committee on finance and budget of the Majilis

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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

- Mr Nusupzhan NURMANBETOV, member of the Committee on economy, finance and budget of the Senate
- *Priorities and work programme 2004*: took note of the work programme;
- *Modification in sub-committees*:
- *Sub-Committee on Migration*: appointed Mr Fernández Aguilar (Spain, EPP/CD) member to replace Mr Agramunt Font de Mora and Mrs Cortajarena Iturrioz (Spain, SOC) alternate to Mr Fernández Aguilar;
 - *Sub-Committee on Refugees*: appointed Mr Christodoulides (Cyprus, UEL) member, and Mrs Serna Masiá (Spain, SOC) alternate to Mr Puche y Rodríguez Acosta (Spain, EPP/CD);
 - *Sub-Committee on Population*: appointed Mr Rakhansky (Ukraine, UEL) member, Mr Gregory (Ireland, SOC) alternate to Mr Higgins, Mr Rodríguez Rodríguez (Spain, NR), alternate to Mr Agramunt Font de Mora, and Mr Nessa (Italy, EPP/CD) alternate to Mr Naro.
- *Dates and places of the next meetings*: decided to hold its meeting as follows:
- Paris, Council of Europe Office, 13 September 2004
 - Strasbourg, during the 4th Part-Session 2004 (4-8 October 2004)
 - Geneva, 4-5 November 2004 (*subject to authorisation by the Bureau*)
 - Paris, Council of Europe Office, 6-7 December 2004

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