

# Parliamentary Assembly Assemblée parlementaire



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

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**The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population**, meeting in Geneva on 4 and 5 November 2004, with Mr Wilkinson (United Kingdom, EDG) in the Chair:

As regards:

- *Activities of the International Committee of Red Cross (ICRC):*
    - held an exchange of views with:
      - *Mr Jean-David CHAPPUIS*, Deputy Director for International Law and cooperation within the Movement, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)
      - *Mr Georges WILLEMIN*, Head, Archives Division, International Committee of the Red Cross
      - *Mr Roger MAYOU*, Director, International Red Cross and Red Crescent Museum (RCIM)
    - visited the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Museum (RCIM), heard an allocution and held an exchange of views with *Mr Jakob KELLENBERGER*, President of the ICRC;
  - *Establishment of the Centre for European Nations' Remembrance under the auspices of the Council of Europe (Rapporteur: Mr Einarsson, Sweden, UEL):*
    - participated in a seminar and held an exchange of views with:
      - *Mr Christoph BIERWIRTH*, Senior Liaison Officer (Human Rights), Protection Policy and Legal Advice Section, Department of International Protection, UNHCR
      - *Mr Władysław BUŁHAK*, Deputy Director, Institute of National Remembrance (Poland)
      - *Mr Bill FENRICK*, Senior Legal Adviser, International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY)
      - *Mrs Céline GERVAIS-FRANCELLE*, Senior Lecturer, Institute of Slavic Studies, University of Paris 1, Panthéon-Sorbonne
      - *Mr Mykola GNATOVSKYY*, Professor, Kyiv Taras Shevchenko National University (Ukraine)
      - *Mr Markus MECKEL*, Deputy, Berlin (Germany)
      - *Prof. Jacques RUPNIK*, Research Director, Center for International Studies and Research (CERI), Paris
      - *Prof. Karl SCHLOEGEL*, Professor for Eastern European History, European University Viadrina, Frankfurt / Oder, (Germany)
      - *Prof. Stefan TROEBST*, Professor of East European Cultural Studies, University of Leipzig
- cc. Secretary General of the Assembly  
Director General in the Secretariat of the Assembly  
Directors and all staff of the Secretariat of the Assembly  
Secretaries of National Delegations to the Assembly  
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Director of Communication and Research  
Secretary of the Committee of Ministers  
Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe

- considered a preliminary draft report;
- *New trends and challenges for Euro-Mediterranean migration policies* (Rapporteur: Mr Danieli, Italy, LDR):
- participated in an exchange of views on working migration in the Mediterranean with:
    - *Mr Jean-François DURIEUX*, Chief, Convention Plus Section, UNHCR
    - *Mr Carlo GAMBERALE*, Trade in Services, World Trade Organization (WTO)
    - *Mrs Grainne O'HARA*, Legal Adviser, Protection Policy of Legal Advice Section, Department of International Protection, UNHCR
    - *Mr Rédouane SAADI*, Liaison Officer for the Western Mediterranean Region, International Organization for Migration (IOM)
    - *Mr Patrick TARAN*, Senior Migration Officer, International Labour Organization (ILO)
- as well as with parliamentary delegations from:
- Algeria
  - Jordan
  - Morocco
  - Syria
- and diplomatic representatives from:
- Egypt
  - Libya
  - Tunisia
- considered a memorandum and authorised the Rapporteur to conduct fact-finding visits to two or three South Mediterranean countries (*subject to authorisation by the Bureau*);
- *The follow-up to Recommendation 1570 (2002) on the situation of refugees and displaced persons in Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia* (Rapporteur: Mr Cilevičs, Latvia, SOC): considered an introductory memorandum and authorised the Rapporteur to conduct fact-finding visits to these 3 countries;
- *Human rights of irregular migrants* (Rapporteur: Mr van Thijn, Netherlands, SOC): heard an oral report by the Rapporteur on his fact-finding visit to Geneva-based international agencies (3 November 2004);
- *2004 International Parliamentarians' Conference on the implementation of the ICPD<sup>1</sup> programme of action*: heard an oral report by Mr Popa, Vice-Chair of the Sub-Committee on Population;
- *Ad hoc Sub-Committee on the humanitarian situation of displaced persons in Chechnya*: held an exchange of views and considered that its members who are also members of the Political Affairs Committee should take part in the Round Table organised by the latter Committee;
- *Appointment of Rapporteurs*: appointed:
- The image of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers in the media: Mrs de Zulueta (Italy, SOC)
  - The Third Summit (*for opinion*): Mr Wilkinson (United Kingdom, EDG)

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<sup>1</sup> International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD), Cairo, 1994

- *Representation of the Committee at various events:* appointed:
  - North-South dialogue – Thematic Workshop II on migration: co-development: the role of local authorities, organised by the Directorate General of Social Cohesion (DG III) and the North-South Centre (Lisbon, 3-4 December 2004): Mr Salles (France, EPP/CD)
- *Dates and places of the next meetings:* decided to hold its next meetings as follows:

*Plenary Committee:*

- Paris, 6-7 December 2004
- Strasbourg, during the 1<sup>st</sup> part of the session 2005 (24-28 January 2005)
- Paris, 1-2 March 2005 (*to be confirmed*)
- Strasbourg, 7-8 April 2005: European Population Conference

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