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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 6 and 7 December 2004, with Mr Wilkinson (United Kingdom, EDG) in the Chair:

As regards:

– *The image of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers in the media* (Rapporteur: Mrs De Zulueta, Italy, SOC): held an exchange of views with:

- Ms Cécilia GABIZON, Le Figaro, France
- Ms Sophie GOODCHILD, Independent on Sunday, United Kingdom
- Mr Jon HENLEY, The Guardian, United Kingdom
- Mr Pieter KOTTMAN, NRC-Handelsblad, Netherlands
- Mr Oliver MONEY-KYRLE, Project Director, International Federation of Journalists (IFJ), Brussels
- Mr Valeriu NICOLAE, Executive Director *ad interim*, European Roma Information Office (ERIO), Brussels, and expert of the European Committee on Migration (CDMG)
- Mr Björn Erik ROSIN, Svenska Dagbladet, Sweden
- Mr Juliusz URBANOWICZ, Wprost, Poland

– *Establishment of the Centre for European Nations' Remembrance under the auspices of the Council of Europe* (Rapporteur: Mr Einarsson, Sweden, UEL): decided to modify the title of the report as follows: "*Establishment of a European remembrance centre for victims of forced population movements and ethnic cleansing*"; approved a draft report, and adopted a draft recommendation as amended;

– *The plight of the deported Meskhetian population* (Rapporteur: Mrs Vermot-Mangold, Switzerland, SOC): in the absence of the Rapporteur, took note of a draft report and of a draft resolution and, in view of including dissenting data, asked its Chairman to request the Bureau to authorise an extension of the reference until 28 January 2005;

– *Migration and integration: a challenge and an opportunity for Europe* (Rapporteur: Mr Branger, France, EPP/CD): decided to modify the title of the report in French as follows: "*Migration et intégration: un défi et une opportunité pour l'Europe*"; approved a draft report and adopted a draft resolution as amended;

– *The Third Summit* (Rapporteur: Mr Wilkinson, United Kingdom, EDG): considered the Committee's opinion on the report of the Political Affairs Committee and, in view of including a new amendment, agreed postpone the approval of its opinion to its next meeting;

– *European Population Conference, 7-8 April 2005*: held an exchange of views with Prof. Raimondo CAGIANO DE AZEVEDO, former Chairman of the European Population Committee (CAHP) (Italy);

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Director of Communication and Research
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- *Asylum seekers and irregular migrants in Turkey* (Rapporteur: Mr Aliyev, Azerbaijan, SOC): approved a draft report and adopted a draft resolution;
- *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 a revised memorandum;
- *Ad hoc Sub-Committee on the humanitarian situation of displaced persons in Chechnya*: held an exchange of views and decided to postpone this item to the next meeting;
 - *The creation of transit centres outside the European Union* :
 - held an exchange of views with:
 - Mr Samuel BOUTRUCHE, Legal assistant, UNHCR
 - Mr Smaïn LAACHER, Sociologist, Centre d'Etudes des Mouvements Sociaux (CEMS) (Center for the study of social movements), France;
 - agreed that its Chairman would present a motion on this issue;
 - heard a report by Mrs de Zulueta (Italy, SOC) on her visit to the reception centre of Lampedusa, and decided to support her initiative to prepare a written Declaration on this matter;
- *Activities of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)* (Rapporteur: Mr Hancock, United Kingdom, LDR): considered a memorandum;
- *Accelerated asylum procedures in Council of Europe member States* (Rapporteur: Mr Agramunt, Spain, EPP/CD): heard a statement by the Rapporteur and authorised him to carry out a fact-finding visit to Brussels;
- *Appointment of Rapporteurs*: appointed:
 - The situation of Turkish migrant workers in Europe: Mr Gülçiçek (Turkey, SOC)
 - The situation of ageing persons in Europe (*for opinion*): Mrs Cliveti (Romania, SOC)
 - Draft Convention on action against trafficking in human beings (*for opinion* to the main report of the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men) (*if referred to the Committee*): Mrs Err (Luxembourg, SOC);
- *Representation of the Committee at various events*: heard statements by
 - Mr Kvakkestad (Norway, EDG) on the 48th Meeting of the European Committee on Migration (CDMG) (Strasbourg, 24-26 November 2004);
 - Mr Tkáč on the 8th Meeting of the European Population Committee (CAHP) (Strasbourg, 1-3 December 2004);
- *Replies from the Committee of Ministers to texts adopted by the Assembly presented by the Committee*: took note of the Committee of Ministers' reply on Recommendation 1645 (2004) – Access to assistance and protection for asylum seekers at European seaports and coastal areas;
- *Dates and places of the next meetings*: decided to hold its next meetings as follows:

Plenary Committee:

 - Strasbourg, during the 1st part of the session 2005 (24-28 January 2005)
 - Paris (OECD), 1-2 March 2005
 - Strasbourg, 7-8 April 2005 (in the framework of the European Population Conference)
 - Strasbourg, during the 2nd part of the session 2005 (25-29 April 2005)

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