



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 1 and 2 March 2005, with Mr Wilkinson (United Kingdom, EDG) in the Chair:

As regards:

– *Integration of migrant women in Europe* (Rapporteur for opinion: Mrs Stoitsits, Austria, SOC): held a hearing jointly organised with the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men, with the participation of:

- Mrs Maud DE BOER-BUQUICCHIO, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe
- Mr Alvaro GIL ROBLES, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe
- Ms Elisa TSAKIRI, Integration Specialist - Assisted Voluntary Returns and Integration - Migration Management Services Department
- Mrs Litt Woon LONG, Director of the Norwegian Center for Gender Equality
- Mrs Fadela AMARA, Chair of "Ni putes, ni soumises" (French women's voluntary association)
- Mrs Merja PENTIKÄINEN, deputy member of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) in respect of Finland
- Mrs Mariam Yassin HAGI YUSSUF, Chair of "Young Women from Minorities"
- Mrs Nacira GUENIF SOUILAMAS, Sociologist, Senior lecturer at the University Paris XIII
- Mrs Luisa LAURELLI, City Councillor of Roma (Italy) and Chair of the Committee on Social Cohesion of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe
- Ms Odile BEILLOUIN, National Secretary of the French trade union «Confédération Française Démocratique du Travail (CFDT)»
- Ms Karen CHOUHAN, Director "The 1990 Trust", United Kingdom
- Mrs Elke THOSS, representative of the "International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF)"
- Mrs Gaye PETEK, Director of ELELE (Turkish Migration and Culture in France) and member of the High Council for Integration (France)

– *Activities of the OECD in the field of migration*: held an exchange of views with Mr Jean-Pierre GARSON, Head of the OECD's Non-Member Economies and International Migration Division;

– *Protection and assistance for separated children seeking asylum* (Rapporteur: Mr van Thijn, Netherlands, SOC): approved a draft report, and adopted a draft recommendation as amended;

– *Policy of return for failed asylum seekers in the Netherlands* (Rapporteur: Mrs Zapfl-Helbling, Switzerland, EPP/CD): took note of a visit report by the Rapporteur on her study visit to the Netherlands (3-4 February 2005);

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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

- *Activities of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)* (Rapporteur: Mr Hancock, United Kingdom, LDR): took note of a preliminary draft report;
- *Co-development policies as a positive measure to regulate migratory flows* (Rapporteur: Mr Salles, France, LDR): considered a preliminary draft report;
- *New trends and challenges for Euro-Mediterranean migration policies* (Rapporteur: Mr Danieli, Italy, LDR): held an exchange of views on the draft programme of the Second Euro-Mediterranean parliamentary forum on migration – "Mediterranean migration: prospects and challenges" (Rome, 9-10 May 2005) and requested the secretariat to look into changing the proposed dates for the forum;
- *The image of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers in the media* (Rapporteur: Mrs de Zulueta, Italy, SOC): considered an outline for a report;
- *Working migration from the countries of Eastern and Central Europe: present state and perspectives* (Rapporteur: Ms Bilozir, Ukraine, NR): took note of an outline for a report;
- *The situation of migrant workers in temporary employment agencies* (Rapporteur: Mr Skarphéðinsson, Iceland, SOC): took note of an outline for a report;
- *Establishment of a European remembrance centre for victims of forced population movements and ethnic cleansing*: held an exchange of views on a possible motion for a resolution, decided to ask the Bureau to seize the Committee with the task of preparing a report and draft resolution, and appointed Mr Einarsson (Sweden, UEL) as Rapporteur in the event of the Committee being seized with the issue;
- *Composition of the sub-committees*: appointed Mr Wille (Belgium, LDR) as member and Mr van den Brande (Belgium, EPP/CD) as alternate to the Sub-Committee on Refugees, and Mrs Oskina (Russia, EDG) as alternate to the Sub-Committee on Migration;
- *Priorities and work programme 2005*: took note of the work programme;
- *European Population Conference (Strasbourg, 7-8 April 2005)*: held an exchange of views on the draft programme;
- *Mass arrival of irregular migrants and potential refugees*: considered terms of reference for the *ad hoc* Sub-Committee on the large-scale arrival of migrants and potential refugees of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population and invited members to inform the Secretariat of their willingness to be part of the *ad hoc* Sub-Committee;
- *Appointment of rapporteurs*: appointed:
 - Demographic challenges for social cohesion: Ms Oskina (Russia, EDG)
- *Representation of the Committee at various events*:
 - *Reports*: heard the following oral report:
 - *IOM Inter-sessional Workshop on Migration and Development: Mainstreaming Migration into Development Policy Agendas (Geneva, 2-3 February 2005)*: Mr Çavuşoğlu (Turkey, EDG);
 - *Appointment of representatives*: appointed:
 - *European Parliament Hearing on immigration and integration* (Brussels, 14-15 March 2005): decided to appoint an *ad hoc* Sub-Committee to represent it at the hearing with the following composition:

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| Austria | Mrs Terezija STOISITS (SOC) |
| Azerbaijan | Mrs Naira SHAKHTAKHTINSKAYA (EDG) |
| Croatia | Mr Milorad PUPOVAC (SOC) |
| Italy | Mr Franco DANIELI (LDR) |
| Italy | Mrs de ZULUETA (SOC) |

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| France | Mr Jean-Guy BRANGER (EPP/CD) |
| France | Mr Jean-Marie LE GUEN (SOC) |
| France | Mr Marc REYMANN (EPP/CD) |
| Luxembourg | Mrs Lydie ERR (SOC) |
| Netherlands | Mrs Corien W.A. JONKER (EPP/CD) |
| Poland | Mr Piotr GADZINOWSKI (SOC) |
| Poland | Mr Tadeusz IWIŃSKI (SOC) |
| Spain | Mr Adolfo FERNÁNDEZ AGUILAR (EPP/CD) |
| Spain | Mr Gabino PUCHE (EPP/CD) |
| Turkey | Mr Ali Rıza GÜLÇİÇEK (SOC) |
| United Kingdom | Mr Bill ETHERINGTON (SOC) |
| United Kingdom | Mr George FOULKES (SOC) |

Ex officio: Mr Wilkinson, Chairperson of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population

- *9th meeting of the European Population Committee (CAHP)* (Strasbourg, 5-6 April 2005): Mr Agramunt (Spain, EPP/CD) and Mrs Filipiová (Czech Republic, EDG);
- *49th meeting of the European Committee on Migration (CDMG)* (Strasbourg, 20-22 April 2005): Mr Iwiński (Poland, SOC) and Mr Kvakkestad (Norway, EDG);
- *Nansen Refugee Award Ceremony* (Brussels, April 2005): Mrs Vermot-Mangold (Switzerland, SOC);

– *Replies from the Committee of Ministers to texts adopted by the Assembly presented by the Committee:* took note of the Committee of Ministers' replies on:

- Recommendation 1608 (2003) – Colonisation by Turkish settlers of the occupied part of Cyprus
- Recommendation 1650 (2004) – Links between Europeans living abroad and their countries of origin
- Recommendation 1667 (2004) – Situation of refugees and displaced persons in the Russian Federation and some other CIS countries

– *Dates and places of the next meetings:* decided to hold its meeting as follows:

Plenary Committee:

- Strasbourg, 7-8 April 2005 (*in the framework of the European Population Conference*)
- Strasbourg, during the 2nd part of the 2005 session (25-29 April 2005)
- Strasbourg, during the 3rd part of the 2005 session (20-24 June 2005)

Sub-Committee on Migration:

- Rome – Second Euro-Mediterranean parliamentary forum on migration: "Mediterranean migration: prospects and challenges" (*to be confirmed and subject to authorisation by the Bureau*)
- Nice, 9-10 June 2005 – participation in the Workshop on co-development policies and migration, organised by the CDMG and the North-South Centre (*to be confirmed and subject to authorisation by the Bureau*)

Sub-Committee on Refugees:

- Baku, 1 July 2005 – Seminar on population displacement in the South Caucasus (*to be confirmed and subject to authorisation by the Bureau*)

Ad-hoc Sub-Committee:

- Brussels, 14-15 March 2005 – European Parliament Hearing on immigration, integration and development

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