

**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 25, 27 and 28 April 2005, with Mr Wilkinson (United Kingdom, EDG) in the Chair:

as regards:

- *Co-development policies as a positive measure to regulate migratory flows (Rapporteur: Mr Salles, France, LDR)*: in the rapporteur's absence, decided to postpone the consideration of the draft report to its next meeting;
- *Activities of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) (Rapporteur: Mr Hancock, United Kingdom, LDR)*: approved a draft report and adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation as amended;
- *Accelerated asylum procedures in Council of Europe Member States (Rapporteur: Mr Agramunt, Spain, EPP/CD)*: considered a preliminary draft report and invited its rapporteur to present a draft report at a next meeting;
- *Migration and integration: a challenge and an opportunity for Europe (Rapporteur: Mr Branger, EPP/CD)*: took position on the amendments to the draft resolution;
- *Policy of return for failed asylum seekers in the Netherlands (Rapporteur: Mrs Zapfl-Helbling, Switzerland, EPP/CD)*: heard a statement by the rapporteur on her fact-finding visit to the Netherlands (3-4 February 2005) and authorised her to carry out a visit to the United Kingdom and to Switzerland within the framework of the preparation of her report;
- *Protection and assistance for separated children seeking asylum (Rapporteur: Mr van Thijn, Netherlands, SOC)*: took position on an amendment to the draft recommendation;
- *Establishment of a European remembrance centre for victims of forced population movements (Rapporteur: Mr Einarsson, Sweden, UEL)*: held an exchange of views and confirmed Mr Einarsson as rapporteur;

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  
Secretaries of Political Groups of the Assembly  
Directors General  
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

– *Unexpected large-scale arrival of migrants and potential refugees*: constituted an *ad hoc* Sub-Committee as follows:

Azerbaijan	Mr Bakhtiyar ALIYEV (SOC)
Azerbaijan	Mrs Naira SHAKHTAKHTINSKAYA (EDG)
Belgium	Mrs Mimount BOUSAKLA (SOC)
Czech Republic	Mr Miloš KUŽVART (SOC)
Denmark	Mr Morten MESSERSCHMIDT (EDG)
France	Mr Jean-Guy BRANGER (EPP/CD)
France	Mr Rudy SALLES (LDR)
France	Mr Denis JACQUAT (EPP/CD)
Germany	Mrs Christine LUCYGA (SOC)
Italy	Mrs Tana de ZULUETA (SOC)
Italy	Mr Pasquale NESSA (EPP/CD)
Netherlands	Mrs Corien W.A. JONKER (EPP/CD)
Poland	Mr Tadeusz IWŃSKI (SOC)
Spain	Mr Pedro AGRAMUNT (EPP/CD)
Sweden	Mr Göran LINDBLAD (EPP/CD)
Switzerland	Mrs Ruth-Gaby VERMOT-MANGOLD (SOC)
Turkey	Mr Ali Riza GÜLÇIÇEK (SOC)
United Kingdom	Mr Michael HANCOCK (LDR)

*Ex-officio:*

Mr John WILKINSON, Chairman of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population (United Kingdom, EDG)

[The terms of reference for the *ad hoc* Sub-Committee can be consulted in document *AS/Mig/Inf (2005) 07 rev.*]

– *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)*: held an exchange of views on the basis of a note prepared by the Rapporteur following his visit to Armenia and Georgia (23-28 March 2005) and was informed on the dates of his next fact-finding visit to Azerbaijan (1-3 July 2005);

– *Activities of the International Organization for Migration (IOM)*: held an exchange of views with Mr Robert G. Paiva, Director, External Relations Department;

– *The situation of migrant workers in temporary employment agencies (Rapporteur: Mr Skarphéðinsson, Iceland, SOC)*: in the absence of the Rapporteur, took note of 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 and appointed Mrs Hoffmann (Germany, SOC) rapporteur, to replace Ms Bilozir;

– *First Euro-Asian Parliamentary Forum on Migration (Almaty (Kazakhstan), 15-17 September 2005)*: held an exchange of views with a parliamentary delegation from Kazakhstan, composed of Mr Vladimir Alesin, Senator, Mr Tylebek Kosmambetov and Mr Nurdoulet Sarsenov, members of the Majlis;

– *Sub-Committees :*

• *Sub-Committee on Refugees*: appointed Mr Kirilov (Bulgaria, SOC) as a titular member and Mr Puig Cordón (Spain, NR), as an alternate to replace Mrs Serna ;

• *Sub-Committee on Migration*: appointed Mr Kužvart (Czech Republic, SOC) as a titular member and Mr Puig Cordón (Spain, NR) as a titular member to replace Mrs Serna ;

– *Work programme* : held an exchange of views on its work programme ;

- *Appointment of representatives* : appointed :
  - *Parliamentary Workshop at the MARRI Regional Centre in Skopje (Skopje, end of June 2005)*: Mr Cilevičs (Latvia, 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 1683 (2004) – Population trends in Europe and their sensitivity to policy measures
  - Recommendation 1685 (2004) – Persons unaccounted for as a result of armed conflict or internal violence in the Balkans
- *Dates and place of the next meetings*: decided to hold its next meetings as follows:

*Plenary Committee:*

- Strasbourg, during the third part of the 2005 session (20-24 June 2005)
- Almaty (Kazakhstan), 15-17 September 2005: First Euro-Asian Parliamentary Forum on Migration

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**The Sub-Committee on Refugees, of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population,** meeting in Strasbourg on 28 April 2005, with Mrs Vermot-Mangold (Switzerland, SOC) in the Chair:

As regards :

- *2005 Nansen Refugee Award*: heard a statement by its Chairperson;
- *Seminar on the Displacement of Population in the South Caucasus (Baku, 4 July 2005)*: heard a report by its Chairperson on her bilateral meetings with the parliamentary delegations of Armenia and Azerbaijan during the part-session and held an exchange of views on an updated preliminary draft programme of the Seminar:
- *Seminar on the situation of refugees and displaced persons in and from the Stability Pact area in South-Eastern Europe (Skopje, 17-18 October 2005)*: considered a preliminary draft programme and was favourable to the organisation of such a seminar (*to be confirmed and subject to authorisation by the Bureau*)
- *Dates and places of the next meetings* : decided to hold its next meetings as follows:
  - Strasbourg, during the third part of the 2005 Session (20-24 June 2005)
  - Baku (Azerbaijan), 4 July 2005: Seminar on the displacement of population in the South-Caucasus
  - Skopje (“the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”), 17-18 October 2005: Seminar on the situation of refugees and displaced persons in and from the Stability Pact Area in South-Eastern Europe (*to be confirmed and subject to authorisation by the Bureau*)

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**The Sub-Committee on Migration, of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population,** meeting in Strasbourg on 28 April 2005, with Mr Iwiński (Poland, SOC) in the Chair:

As regards :

- *Second Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Forum on Migration: "Mediterranean Migration: Prospects and Challenges" (Rome, 23-24 May 2005):* held an exchange of views on the draft programme of the Forum;
- *50th Meeting of the European Committee on Migration (CDMG) and Political Platform on the image of migrants in the media (Athens, 19-21 October 2005):* decided to meet on the occasion of the CDMG meeting (*to be confirmed and subject to authorisation by the Bureau*)
- *Dates and places of the next meetings :* decided to hold its next meetings as follows:
  - *Rome, 23-24 May 2005:* Second Euro-Mediterranean parliamentary forum on migration: "Mediterranean migration: prospects and challenges"
  - *Athens, 19-21 October 2005:* 50<sup>th</sup> meeting of the European Committee on Migration (CDMG) and its Political Platform on the image of migrants in the media (*to be confirmed and subject to authorisation by the Bureau*)

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