

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 21 and 23 June 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)*: approved a draft report and adopted a draft recommendation and a draft resolution;

– *Accelerated asylum procedures in Council of Europe Member States (Rapporteur: Mr Agramunt, Spain, EPP/CD)*: approved a draft report and adopted a draft recommendation and a 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 Switzerland (25 May 2005) and considered a preliminary draft report;

– *New trends and challenges for Euro-Mediterranean migration policies (Rapporteur: Mr Danieli, Italy, LDR)*: heard a statement by the rapporteur on the Second Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Forum on Migration; "Mediterranean Migration: Prospects and Challenges" (Rome, 23-24 May 2005) and considered a preliminary draft report.

– *Third Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Council of Europe (Warsaw, 16-17 May 2005)*: considered a memorandum prepared by the Secretariat on instruction by the Chairman in the light of the references to the Committee of the Warsaw Declaration and the Action Plan. The Committee decided in response to the references to the Committee to prepare a single report on migration, refugees and population in the context of the priorities laid down in the Third Summit and appointed Mr Hagberg (Sweden, SOC) rapporteur on this issue;

– *The situation of migrant workers in temporary employment agencies (Rapporteur: Mr Skarphéðinsson, Iceland, SOC)*: considered an introductory memorandum;

– *Human rights of irregular migrants (Rapporteur: Mr. van Thijn, Netherlands, SOC)*: held an exchange of views with Mr Martin Jeremy MCBRIDE, Professor, Institute of European Law at the University of Birmingham (United Kingdom) and Mr Jean-François AKANDJI KOMBE, Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Caen (France);

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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

- *Working migration from the countries of Eastern and Central Europe: present state and perspectives (Rapporteur: Ms Hoffmann, Germany, SOC):* considered an introductory memorandum;
- *Unexpected large-scale arrival of migrants and potential refugees:* held an exchange of views with Mr Fabrice KELLENS, Head of Unit, Secretariat of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT) of the Council of Europe;
- *Sub-Committees:*
 - *Sub-Committee on Refugees:* appointed Mr Dendias (Greece, EPP/CD) as an alternate of Mrs Katseli (Greece, SOC);
 - *Sub-Committee on Population:* deleted Mr Dendias (Greece, EPP/CD) as proposed by the Greek delegation;
- *Work programme:* took note of the work programme;
- *Appointment of rapporteurs:*
 - *The creation of transit centres outside the European Union:* Mrs Jonker (Netherlands, EPP/CD);
- *Appointment of representatives:* appointed
 - *International Seminar on « Protecting the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons and Promoting their Organisational Processes »* Organised by Peace Brigades International (Luxembourg, 27-28 June 2005) : Mrs de Zulueta (Italy, SOC) and, with no cost to the Assembly, Mrs Err, Luxembourg, SOC);
 - *Conference on "Mainstreaming diversity : opening the debate with the whole of society"* organised by the Ministry of Family and Integration - Government Commission for Foreigners of Luxembourg (Mondorf-les-Bains (Luxembourg), 27-28 June 2005) : Mrs de Zulueta (Italy, SOC) and, with no cost to the Assembly, Mrs Err, Luxembourg, SOC);
 - *Expert meeting "Mediterranean asylum and migration issues", organised by UNHCR (Rhodes, Greece, 12-13 September 2005):* Mr Dendias, Greece, with no cost to the Assembly;
 - *Meeting of "Coastal states representatives for Mediterranean asylum and migration issues", organised by UNHCR (Madrid, Spain, 17-18 October 2005):* available members of the Spanish Delegation, with no cost to the Assembly;
 - *Conference on "Unaccompanied minors", organised by the CDMG (Malaga, Spain, 27 October 2005:* Mr van Thijn (Netherlands, SOC) and, with no costs to the Assembly, available members of the Spanish Delegation;
- *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 1686 (2004) – Human mobility and the right to family reunion;
- *Dates and places of the next meetings:* decided to hold its next meetings as follows:
 - *Plenary Committee:*
 - *Almaty (Kazakhstan), 15-17 September 2005:* First Euro-Asian parliamentary Forum on migration
 - *Strasbourg, during the 4th part of the session 2005 (3-7 October 2005)*
 - *Geneva, 3-4 November 2005:* Meeting with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and other international organisations involved in migration, refugees and population issues - Seminars on migration legislation and working migration from Central and Eastern Europe / Economic migration (*to be confirmed and subject to authorisation by the Bureau*)
 - *Paris, 8-9 December 2005 (to be confirmed)*

● ***Sub-Committee on Migration:***

- *Strasbourg or Athens (Greece), 20-21 October 2005:* participation in the 50th meeting of the 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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The Sub-Committee on Refugees, of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population, meeting in Strasbourg on 20 June 2005, on the occasion of the World Refugee Day, with Mrs Vermot-Mangold (Switzerland, SOC) in the Chair:

As regards :

- *8th Summer Course on Refugees (13-24 June 2005), organised in Strasbourg by the UNHCR and the International Institute of Human Rights:* held an exchange of views with the participants in the Course;
- *Seminar on the Displacement of Population in the South Caucasus (Baku, 4 July 2005):* held an exchange of views on an updated draft programme of the Seminar;
- *Seminar on the situation of refugees and displaced persons in and from the Stability Pact area for South-Eastern Europe (Skopje, 17-18 October 2005):* held an exchange of views on a preliminary draft programme;
- *Dates and places of the next meetings :* decided to hold its next meetings as follows:
 - Baku (Azerbaijan), 4 July 2005: Seminar on the displacement of population in the South Caucasus
 - Strasbourg, during the 4th part of the session 2005 (3-7 October 2005)
 - 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.

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The Ad Hoc Sub-Committee on unexpected large-scale arrival of migrants and potential refugees, of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population, meeting in Strasbourg on 20 June 2005 with Mr Branger (France, EPP/CD), senior member present, and then Mr Aliyev (Azerbaijan, SOC) in the Chair:

As regards:

- *Election of the Sub-Committee’s bureau:*
 - elected Mr Aliyev (Azerbaijan, SOC) Chairperson by acclamation;
 - elected Mr Gülçiçek (Turkey, SOC) Vice-Chairperson by acclamation;
- *Future work of the Sub-Committee:* held an exchange of views on the basis of the terms of reference of the sub-committee;
- *Date and place of the next meeting:* decided to hold its next meeting during the 4th part of the session 2005 (3-7 October 2005).

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