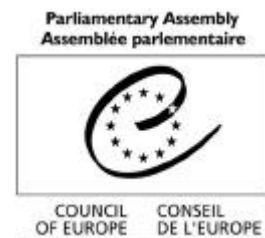


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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON MIGRATION, REFUGEES AND POPULATION

SECRETARIAT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

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The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population, meeting in Strasbourg on 3 and 6 October 2005, with first Mrs de Zulueta (Italy, SOC) and then Mr Çavusoglu (Turkey, GDE) in the Chair:

as regards:

- *Composition of the Committee's Bureau*: elected Mr Çavusoglu (Turkey, GDE) Chairperson by acclamation;
- *Accelerated asylum procedures in Council of Europe Member States (Rapporteur: Mr Agramunt, Spain, EPP/CD)*: considered one amendment to a draft resolution;
- *OECD and the world economy (Rapporteur for opinion: Mr Braun, Hungary, EPP/CD)*: approved a draft opinion;
- *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 London (12 and 13 July 2005), considered a draft report and adopted an amended draft resolution;
- *The follow-up to recommendation 1570 (2002) on the situation of refugees and displaced persons in Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia (Rapporteur: Mr Cilevics, Latvia, SOC)*: considered a preliminary draft report;
- *Missing persons in Azerbaijan*: in response to a request by the Bureau of the Assembly, considered favorably a proposal for a motion and decided to propose to modify the title to extend it to Armenia and Georgia;
- *Third Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Council of Europe (Warsaw, 16-17 May 2005)*: considered an introductory memorandum and authorised the Rapporteur to make a fact-finding mission to a conference of Swedish NGOs and municipalities (Malmö, Sweden) in preparation of his report and the planned hearing with NGOs in Paris in December;
- *Demographic challenges for social cohesion (Rapporteur: Mrs Oskina, Russia, EDG)*: considered an introductory memorandum;

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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

- *Sub-Committees: appointed*
 - ? *Sub-Committee on Migration:*
Members: Mrs Oskina (Russia, EDG), Mr Henderson (United-Kingdom, SOC) and Mr Greenway (United-Kingdom, EDG)
Alternates: : Mr Federov (Russia, EDG) and Mr Hancock (United-Kingdom, ALDE)
 - ? *Sub-Committee on Refugees:*
Members: Mr Federov (Russia, EDG) and Mr Hancock (United-Kingdom, ALDE)
Alternates: Mrs Oskina (Russia, EDG) and Mr Henderson (United-Kingdom, SOC)
 - ? *Sub-Committee on Population:*
Members: Mr Chope (United-Kingdom, EDG) and Mr Greenway (United-Kingdom, EDG)
- *Work programme: took note of the revised work programme;*
- *Appointment of rapporteurs: appointed*
 - *Activities and orientations of the Council of Europe Development Bank*
Rapporteur for opinion: Mr Ružic (Serbia and Montenegro, SOC)
 - *Agriculture and illegal employment in Europe*
Rapporteur for opinion: Mrs Bousakla (Belgium, SOC)
- *Appointment of representatives: appointed*
 - *INGO Forum on « Integration of Migrants in Europe : what role for NGOs?»* Organised by Messina International Study and Research Centre (INTERCENTER) (Messina, 10-13 November 2005): Mrs Vermot-Mangold (Switzerland, SOC) and available members of the Italian delegation (without cost to the Assembly)
 - *Conference on “Rescue at Sea and Maritime Interception in the Mediterranean”* Organised by UNHCR (Madrid, 17 and 18 October, 2005): M. Fernández Aguilar (Spain, EPP/CD) (without cost to the Assembly)
 - *Meeting of the Committee of experts on the minimum rights of irregular migrants,* (Strasbourg, 7-8 November 2005): Mr van Thijn (Netherlands, SOC)
 - *General Assembly of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation* (Tirana, 22-24 November 2005): Mr Çavusoglu (Turkey, GDE)
- *Replies from the Committee of Ministers to texts adopted by the Assembly presented by the Committee*

? Recommendation 1655 (2004) – European Migration Observatory / Agency: took note of the Committee of Ministers' replies as well as the decision of the Secretary General to create an Intersecretarial Taskforce to strengthen the work of the institution in the field of migration.
- *Dates and places of the next meetings: decided to hold its next meetings as follows:*
 - ? *Plenary Committee:*
 - *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 Europe's humanitarian responsibility, migration legislation and working migration from Central and Eastern Europe / Economic migration
 - *Paris, 8-9 December 2005*
 - ? *Sub-Committee on Refugees:*
 - *Skopje (“the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”), 17-18 October 2005:* in the framework of the Assembly's Chairmanship of the Parliamentary Troika on the Stability Pact in South Eastern Europe – Seminar on the situation of refugees and displaced persons in the region of the Stability Pact for South-East Europe
 - ? *Sub-Committee on Migration:*
 - *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

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The Sub-Committee on Refugees, of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population, meeting in Strasbourg on 6 October 2005, with Mr Cilevi cs (Latvia, SOC) in the Chair:

As regards :

– *Seminar on the situation of refugees and displaced persons in and from the Stability Pact area for South-East Europe (Skopje, 17-18 October 2005):* held an exchange of views on a draft programme; decided, in the framework of the PACE Presidency of the Parliamentary Troika of the Stability Pact for South-East Europe, to offer a lunch to the participants and to hold this meeting also in one of the local languages of the region (Serb – Croat - Bosniac);

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

- Skopje (“the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”), 17-18 October 2005: Seminar on the situation of refugees and displaced persons in the region of the Stability Pact for the South-East Europe.

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