

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 Brussels, on 20 and 21 March 2006, with Mr Çavuşoğlu (Turkey, EDG) in the Chair:

As regards:

- *Meeting with the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs of the European Parliament*: held a joint meeting and invited this Committee to participate in a future meeting of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population with a view to making this a regular means of co-operation;
- *International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (21 March 2006)*: adopted a statement;
- *The situation of migrant workers in temporary employment agencies (Rapporteur: Mr Henderson, United Kingdom, SOC)*: held a hearing with the participation of invited experts and members of the Belgian Senate;
- *The image of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers in the media (Rapporteur: Mrs de Zulueta, Italy, SOC)*: in the absence of the Rapporteur, considered a memorandum and held an exchange of views with the participation of an invited expert;
- *The situation of Turkish migrant workers in Europe (Rapporteur: Mr Gülçiçek, Turkey, SOC)*: considered a preliminary draft report and held an exchange of views with the participation of an invited expert;
- *Demographic challenges for social cohesion (Rapporteur: Mrs Oskina, Russia, EDG)*: considered a preliminary draft report and held an exchange of views with the participation of an invited expert;
- *The creation of transit centers outside the European Union (Rapporteur: Mrs Jonker, Netherlands, EPP/CD)*: considered a memorandum and held an exchange of views with the participation of an invited expert;
- *Migration, refugees and population in the context of the priorities laid down in the Third Summit (Rapporteur: Mr Hagberg, Sweden, SOC)*: approved a draft report and adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation;
- *Missing persons in Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia (Rapporteur: Mr Platvoet, Netherlands, UEL)*: in the absence of the Rapporteur, took note of the outline for the report and authorised him

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firstly to make a trip to Geneva in April 2006 to have meetings with the ICRC and secondly to visit Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia, subject to available funds;

- *Work programme:*

- *Europe's response to humanitarian disasters:* was informed by its Chair that the Bureau decided on 16 March 2006 to consult the Committee on the possible follow-up to be given to the motion for a resolution presented by Mrs de Zulueta and others and took position in favour of the proposal to prepare a report;
- *Seminar on the Follow up to paragraph 9 of Resolution 1478 (2006) on integration of immigrant women in Europe:* considered the proposal of the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men to hold a parliamentary seminar with the participation of parliamentarians from countries of origin of migrants in order to examine family codes and possible conflicts with principles of equality affecting migrants living in Council of Europe member states, and took position in favour of the proposal;
- *Appointment of rapporteurs:*
 - *The activities of the International Organization for Migration:* appointed Mrs Hajiyeva, (Azerbaijan, EPP/CD);
 - *Situation of longstanding refugees and displaced persons in South East Europe:* appointed Mr Dendias (Greece, EPP/CD);
 - *Migration and mobility in the Eurasian Region – Prospects for the future:* appointed Mr Özal (Turkey, EPP/CD)
- *Representation of the Committee at various events:*
 - *Invitation to the Netherlands by "Stiftung INLIA in the Netherlands" addressed to Mrs Zapfl-Helbling (Switzerland, EPP/CD) as a follow-up to her report on Return of failed asylum seekers in the Netherlands (26-28 March 2006):* the Committee authorised this visit, at no cost to the Assembly;
 - *Hearing on agriculture and illegal employment in Europe, organised by the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs (Paris, 28 March 2006):* Mrs Bousakla (Belgium, SOC) in the context of the preparation of her opinion on this issue, subject to available funds;
 - *Meeting on Rescue at Sea and Maritime Interception in the Mediterranean, organised by UNHCR (Madrid, 23-24 May 2006):* one member of the Spanish delegation, at no cost to the Assembly;

- *Sub-Committees:*

- *Ad Hoc Sub-Committee to take part in the Hearing on integration, organised by the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs of the European Parliament (Brussels, 25 April 2006):* proposed finalising the membership of this *Ad Hoc* Sub-Committee during the 2nd part of the Session;
- *Changes to the Sub-Committees:*
 - *Sub-Committee on Population:* Mr Soininvaara (Finland, SOC) as member, to replace Mrs Krohn;
 - *Sub-Committee on Migration:* Mr Soininvaara (Finland, SOC) as alternate, to replace Mrs Krohn;

- *Next meetings:* decided to hold its next meetings as follows:

Plenary Committee :

- Strasbourg, during the 2nd part of the Session 2006 (10-13 April 2006)
- Strasbourg, during the 3rd part of the Session 2006 (26-30 June 2006)
- Strasbourg, during the 4th part of the Session 2006 (2-6 October 2006)
- United Kingdom, 13-15 November 2006 (*to be confirmed and subject to authorisation by the Bureau*)
- Paris, 11 December 2006 (*to be confirmed*)

Sub-Committee on Migration:

- Krasnoïarsk (Russia), 14-15 September 2006 (*to be confirmed and subject to authorisation by the Bureau*)
- Strasbourg, 7-8 November 2006 (participation in the Political Platform of the CDMG) (*to be confirmed*)

Sub-Committee on Refugees:

- Lisbon, 18-19 May 2006 – Participation in the workshop on Co-development and democracy, organised by the North-South Center, in cooperation with Directorate General of Social Cohesion and the Portuguese Parliament

Sub-Committee on Population:

- Budapest, 19-20 October 2006 (*to be confirmed and subject to authorisation by the Bureau*)

Ad Hoc Sub-Committee to take part in the Hearing on integration organised by the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs of the European Parliament

- Brussels, 25 April 2006.

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