

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 27 June 2006, at 2.00 pm**, with Mrs de Zulueta (Italy, SOC) in the Chair, as regards:
 - ***The image of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers in the media*** (*Rapporteur: Mrs de Zulueta, Italy, SOC*): approved a draft report and adopted a draft recommendation as amended (Chair: Mr Hagberg, Sweden, SOC);
 - ***Human rights of irregular migrants*** (*Rapporteur: Mr van Thijn, Netherlands, SOC*): took position to an amendment to the draft recommendation;
 - ***Ad Hoc Sub-Committee on Unexpected large-scale arrival of migrants and potential refugees***: held an exchange of views on the working methods of the *Ad Hoc* Sub-Committee and agreed to re-convoke it in October 2006;
 - ***The situation of Turkish migrant workers in Europe*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Gülçiçek, Turkey, SOC*): considered a draft report and agreed to modify the title as proposed by the Rapporteur so that it would read as follows: "The Turkish presence in Europe: migrant workers and new European citizens";
 - ***Activities of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)***: heard a presentation by Mr Siméon Antoulas, Diplomatic Adviser, on the elaboration of the International Convention for the Protection of all Persons from Enforced Disappearance;
 - **On 28 June 2006, at 2.00 pm**, with Mr Branger (France, EPP/CD) in the Chair, as regards:
 - ***Migration, refugees and population in the context of the Third Summit*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Hagberg, Sweden, SOC*): took position on the amendment to the draft resolution and to the draft recommendation;
 - ***Immigration from Sub-Saharan Africa*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Branger, France, EPP/CD*): considered an outline for a report;
 - ***Missing persons in Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Platvoet, Netherlands, UEL*): heard a report by the Rapporteur on his visit to the three countries (4-9 June 2006) and authorised him to return to the region to visit Nagorno-Karabakh and Abkhazia in September 2006, subject to the availability of funds, and to attend the European Workshop on National Mechanisms and Legal Measures to clarify the Fate of Missing persons, organised by the ICRC in Brussels on 25-26 September 2006, subject to the availability of funds;
- 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

- **Work and composition of the Sub-Committees:**
 - *Ad Hoc Sub-Committee – participation in the Hearing on Integration, organised by the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs of the European Parliament (Brussels, 25 April 2006):* heard a report by Mrs Bousakla (Belgium, SOC), Chairperson of the *Ad Hoc* Sub-Committee;
 - *Sub-Committee on Refugees:*
 - . *Seminar on North-South dialogue on migration / Co-development and democracy: the socio-political role of migrants (Lisbon, 18-19 May 2006):* heard a report by Mrs Bousakla (Belgium, SOC) and took note of the protest by the Embassy of Iran in Portugal against the participation of an Iranian refugee;
 - *Sub-Committee on Migration:*
 - . *Seminar on Eurasian Migration, the Example of Krasnoyarsk Kray (Krasnoyarsk, 14-15 September 2006):* took note of a preliminary draft programme and heard a statement by Mrs Oskina (Russia, EDG) on the preparations for the meeting;
 - . *Political Platform on Migration (Strasbourg, 6-7 November 2006):* took note of the provisional programme;
 - *Sub-Committee on Population:*
 - . *Seminar on Integration of Migrant Children and Youth / the Role of Local Authorities and Civil Society (Budapest, 19-20 October 2006):* heard a statement by the secretariat of the Committee;
 - *Composition of the Sub-Committees:*
 - . *Sub-Committee on Migration:* appointed Mr Lambert (Belgium, SOC) as member and Mrs Porteiro Garcia (Spain, SOC) to replace Mrs Cortajarena as alternate;
 - . *Sub-Committee on Refugees:* appointed Mr Pupovac (Croatia, SOC) as member and Mr Agramunt (Spain, EPP/CD) to replace Mrs Cortajarena as member;
 - . *Sub-Committee on Population:* appointed Mrs Porteira Garcia (Spain, SOC) and Mr Dačić (Serbia, SOC) as members;
 - . *Ad Hoc Sub-Committee to take part in the Parliamentary Assembly / UEFA Conference on promoting good governance in Sport (Strasbourg, 29 September 2006):* appointed the following members: Mr Branger (France, EPP/CD), Lord Burlison (United Kingdom, SOC), Mr Fedorov (Russia, EDG), Mr Greenway (United Kingdom, EDG) and Mrs Mendonça (Portugal, 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 to:

- Rec. 1727 (2005) – Accelerated asylum procedures in Council of Europe Member States;
- Rec. 1729 (2005) – Activities of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR);
- **On 29 June 2006, at 2.00 pm**, with Mr Çavuşoğlu (Turkey, EDG) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Work programme:**

- *Appointment of Rapporteurs:*
 - . *Debate on the OECD (4th part of the session 2006, 2-6 October 2006):* appointed Mr Salles (France, ALDE) as spokesperson;
 - . *Regularisation programmes for irregular migrants:* appointed Mr Greenway (United Kingdom, EDG) as rapporteur;
 - . *Activities and orientations of the Council of Europe Development Bank:* appointed Mr Proroković (Serbia, EPP/CD) as rapporteur for an opinion, to replace Mr Ružičić (Serbia and Montenegro, SOC);

- **Representation of the Committee at different events:**
 - . *Conference on the situation of ageing in Europe: distress or hope?, organised by the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee (Paris, 13 September 2006):* Mr Branger (France, EPP/CD) and Mrs Cliveti (Romania, SOC) - with no cost to the Assembly;
 - . *Meeting of the Chairpersons of the Home Affairs Committees of the national parliaments and the European Parliament (Brussels, 18-19 September 2006):* Mr Çavuşoğlu (Turkey, EDG) - subject to the availability of funds;
 - . *Meeting on Reception Conditions for Asylum Seekers, organised by the Odysseus Network (Brussels, 26 September 2006):* Mr Østergaard (Denmark, ALDE) - with no cost to the Assembly;
 - . *2nd Euro-Mediterranean Conference on Agriculture, organised by the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs (Strasbourg, 28-29 September 2006):* Mrs Bousakla (Belgium, SOC) - with no cost to the Assembly;
- **Election of the Second Vice-Chair of the Committee:** elected Mr Einarsson (Sweden, UEL) Second Vice-Chair by acclamation, to replace Mr Christodoulides (Cyprus, UEL) who resigned;
- **Situation of longstanding refugees and displaced persons in South-East Europe (Rapporteur: Mr Dendias, Greece, EPP/CD):**
 - heard a report by Mr Dendias on his visit to Serbia and Montenegro (5-9 June 2006) and authorised him to make a fact-finding visit to Croatia (subject to the availability of funds);
 - held an exchange of views with Ms Claudine Haenni, Adviser to the Representative of the UN Secretary General on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons;
- **The situation of Ingushetian internal displaced persons from North Ossetia**
 - held an exchange of views on the follow-up to hearing organised by the Sub-Committee of Refugees in Strasbourg, on 11 April 2006;
 - heard a statement by Mr Viacheslav Postavnin, Deputy Head of the Federal Migration Services of Russia;
- **Activities of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) (Rapporteur: Mrs Hajiyeva, Azerbaijan, EPP/CD):** heard a statement by the Rapporteur and authorised her to make a fact-finding visit to the IOM in Geneva in September 2006 (subject to the availability of funds);
- **The situation of migrant workers in temporary employment agencies (Rapporteur: Mr Henderson (United Kingdom, SOC):** decided, on the proposal of the Rapporteur, to ask the Bureau to extend the validity of the reference until end January 2007;
- **Dates and places of the next meetings:**

Plenary Committee :

- 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:

- Krasnoyarsk (Russia), 14-15 September 2006¹
- Strasbourg, 6-7 November 2006 (participation in the Political Platform of the CDMG) (*to be confirmed*)

Sub-Committee on Population :

- Budapest, 19-20 October 2006 (*to be confirmed and subject to authorisation by the Bureau*)¹

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¹ These meetings are open to all members of the Plenary Committee