



**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 Paris on 11 December 2006, with Mr Çavuşoğlu (Turkey, EDG) in the Chair,

as regards:

- **Hearing on regularisation programmes for irregular migrants** (*Rapporteur: Mr Greenway, United Kingdom, EDG*): organised a hearing, with the participation of:

- Mr Joaquín ARANGO, Professor of Sociology, Complutense University of Madrid, Spain
- Mr Martin BALDWIN-EDWARDS, Director of the Mediterranean Migration Observatory, Athens, Greece
- Ms Amanda LEVINSON, Consultant, Director of Policy Programs, Hope Street Group, USA
- Mr Emilio REYNERI, Professor of Sociology of Work at the University of Milan Bicocca, Italy
- Mr Patrick WEIL, Director, Centre for the Study of Immigration, Integration and Citizenship Policies (CEPIC), Paris
- and Mr Helmut BRANDT, MP, Germany (Parliamentary panel);

- **Cooperation with the Committee of Ministers**: took note of a document prepared by the secretariat on the replies from the Committee of Ministers to texts adopted by the Assembly presented by the Committee, decided to return to the issue at its next meeting, and held an exchange of views with Mr Yevhen PERELYGIN, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the Council of Europe, Chairperson of the Rapporteurs Group on Social and Health Questions;

- **Activities and orientations of the Council of Europe Development Bank** (*Rapporteur for opinion: Mr Propoković, Serbia, EPP/CD*): held an exchange of views with Mr Lars KOLTE, Chairman of the Governing Board, and Mr Apolonio RUIZ LIGERO, Vice Governor;

- **An innovative and more effective approach for the management of migratory flows (of migrants and asylum seekers)** (*Rapporteur: Mrs Jonker, Netherlands, EPP/CD*): held an exchange of views, approved the modification of the title proposed by the Rapporteur as follows: *A new response to migratory flows*, and decided to return to the issue at its next meeting;

- **The situation of migrant workers in temporary employment agencies** (*Rapporteur: Mr Henderson, United Kingdom, SOC*): approved a draft report and adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation;

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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  
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- **The activities of the International Organization for Migration (IOM)** (Rapporteur: Mrs Hajiyeva, Azerbaijan, EPP/CD): in the absence of the Rapporteur, took note of a memorandum and decided to examine the issue at its next meeting;
- **Missing persons in Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia** (Rapporteur: Mr Platvoet, Netherlands, UEL): considered a preliminary draft report and discussed the modification of the title proposed by the Rapporteur to include: *from the conflicts in the Nagorno-Karabakh, Abkhazia and South Ossetia regions*;
- **Unexpected large scale arrival of migrants and asylum seekers in Europe:** appointed Mr Østergaard (Denmark, ALDE) Rapporteur and held an exchange of views on the functioning of the *Ad Hoc* Sub-Committee on this issue;
- **State of human rights and democracy in Europe** (Rapporteur for opinion: Mr van Thijn, Netherlands, SOC): in the absence of the Rapporteur, heard a statement by its Chair and decided to return to the matter at its next meeting;
- **Agriculture and illegal employment in Europe** (Rapporteur for opinion: Mrs Bousakla, Belgium, SOC): authorised the Rapporteur to take part in the meeting of the Committee on Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs in the framework of the preparation of her opinion, at no cost to the Assembly (Paris, 14 December 2006);
- **Priorities of the work of the Committee:** held an exchange of views;
- **Work of the sub-committees:**
  - *Sub-Committee on Population: Seminar on the integration of migrant children and youth - the role of local authorities and civil society (Budapest, 19-20 October 2006):* heard a statement by Mr Greenway (United Kingdom, EDG), Vice-Chair;
  - *Sub-Committee on Migration: Participation in the Political Platform of the CDMG (Strasbourg, 6-7 November 2006):* heard a statement by Mrs Bousakla (Belgium, SOC), Vice-Chair;
- **Representation of the Committee at various events:**
  - *Forum 2006 – Achieving social cohesion in a multicultural Europe (Strasbourg, 9-10 November 2006):* heard a statement by Mr Reymann (France, EPP/CD);
  - *Annual Forum of the North-South Centre (Lisbon, 28-29 November 2006) :* heard a statement by Mrs Mendonça (Portugal, SOC);
- **Next meetings:** decided to hold its next meetings as follows:
  - Plenary Committee:
    - Strasbourg, during the 1<sup>st</sup> part of the Session 2007 (22-26 January 2007)
    - Brussels, 1-2 March 2007 (to be confirmed)
    - Strasbourg, during the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the Session 2007 (16-20 April 2007)
    - Corfu (Greece), 3-4 May 2007 (to be confirmed and subject to the authorisation by the Bureau)
    - Strasbourg, during the 3<sup>rd</sup> part of the Session 2007 (25-29 June 2007)
    - Strasbourg, during the 4<sup>th</sup> part of the Session 2007 (1-5 October 2007)
    - Budapest, 15-16 or 25-26 October 2007 (to be confirmed and subject to the authorisation by the Bureau)
    - Paris, 14 December 2007
  - Sub-Committee on Migration:
    - Antalya (Turkey), 11-12 June 2007 (to be confirmed and subject to the authorisation by the Bureau).

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