

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 25, 27 and 28 June 2007,

? **ON 25 JUNE 2007, FROM 2-3PM**, with Mr Çavus og lu (Turkey, EDG) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Activities and orientations of the Council of Europe Development Bank** : appointed: Mr Zernovski, ("the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", ALDE) rapporteur for opinion, in place of Mr Prorokovic (Serbia, EEP/CD) who has resigned;

- **Regularisation programmes for irregular migrants** (*Rapporteur: Mr Greenway, United Kingdom, EDG*): decided to change the title of the report (in the French version only) to "Programmes de régularisation des migrants en situation irrégulière", approved a draft report and adopted a draft resolution and draft recommendation as amended;

- **Sudan and Darfur – Europe's responsibility**: appointed Mrs Vermot-Mangold (Switzerland, SOC) as rapporteur;

- **The activities of the International Organization for Migration (IOM)** (*Rapporteur: Mrs Hajiyeva, Azerbaijan, EPP/CD*) approved a draft report and adopted a draft recommendation.

? **ON 27 JUNE 2007, FROM 2-3PM**, with Mr Branger (France, EPP/CD) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Migration and mobility in the Eurasian region – prospects for the future** (*Rapporteur : Mr Özal, Turkey, EPP/CD*): considered a revised memorandum;

- **Situation of longstanding refugees and displaced persons in South-East Europe** (*Rapporteur: Mr Dendias, Greece, EPP/CD*) took position on amendments to the draft recommendation;

- **Sudan and Darfur – Europe's responsibility** (*Rapporteur: Mrs Vermot-Mangold, Switzerland, SOC*): held an exchange of views with Mr António GUTERRES, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;

- **Exchange of views with Mr Thomas HAMMARBERG**, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights: heard a statement by Mr Hammarberg, followed by an exchange of views;

- **Europe's response to humanitarian disasters** (*Rapporteur: Mr Mooney, Ireland, ALDE* : took note of an outline for a report and decided to come back and consider this point at the next meeting.

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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

? **ON 28 JUNE 2007, FROM 2-3PM**, with Mr Branger (France, EPP/CD) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Benchmarking immigrant integration**: heard a presentation by Mr Jan NIESSEN, Director, Migration Policy Group, followed by an exchange of views;

- **Sudan and Darfur – Europe’s responsibility** (*Rapporteur: Mrs Vermot-Mangold, Switzerland, SOC*): approved a draft report and decided to change its title as follows “Humanitarian Crisis in Darfur” and adopted a draft resolution;

- **Activities and orientations of the Council of Europe Development Bank** : (*Rapporteur for opinion: Mr Zernovski, “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”, ALDE*): approved a draft opinion;

- **Migration in Europe: a constant challenge** (*Rapporteur : Mr Preda, Romania, EPP/CD*): took note of an outline for a report and decided to come back to this point at the next meeting;

- **Immigration from Sub-Saharan Africa** (*Rapporteur : Mr Branger, France, EPP/CD*): considered a memorandum and held an exchange of views with Mr Jean-Paul GOUREVITCH, expert;

- **Improving the quality and consistency of asylum decisions in the Council of Europe member states** (*Rapporteur: Mr Cilevic s, Latvia, SOC*) : considered an outline for a report and decided to come back to this point at the next meeting;

- **Sub-Committees**

▪ **Sub-Committee on Refugees**: participation in the Conference on the situation of Roma IDPs in Serbia, organised by DGIII (Belgrade, 29-30 October 2007): took note of the information on the programme of the conference;

▪ **Composition of the Sub-Committees**: appointed Mr Kallio (Finland, SOC) member of the Sub-Committee on Population;

- **Representation of the Committee at various events**

▪ **Appointments:**

- 54th meeting of the CDMG (Strasbourg, 11-12 October 2007): appointed Mrs Bousakla (Belgium, SOC) and Mr Greenway (United Kingdom, EDG), subject to availability of funds;
- *Ad Hoc Sub-Committee to take part in the meeting on the Integration of migrant youth in the world of work* (Budapest, 15-16 October 2007) invited interested members to submit their application and decided to finalise the list at its next meeting;

- **Replies from the Committee of Ministers to texts adopted by the Assembly presented by the Committee**: took note of the replies to the following recommendations:

- Rec. 1767 (2006): Mass arrival of irregular migrants on Europe’s Southern shores
- Rec. 1768 (2006): The image of asylum-seekers, migrants and refugees in the media
- Rec. 1774 (2006): The Turkish presence in Europe: migrant workers and new European citizens;

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

Plenary Committee:

- Strasbourg, during the 4th part of the Session 2007 (1-5 October 2007)
- Aachen (Germany), 19-20 November 2007
- Paris, 14 December 2007

Sub-Committee on Migration:

- Euro-Asian / Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Forum on Migration, Antalya (Turkey), 22-23 October 2007 ¹

Sub-Committee on Refugees:

- Belgrade (Serbia), 29-30 October 2007 – participation in the Conference on the situation of Roma IDPs in Serbia, organised by DGIII ¹

Ad Hoc Sub-Committee to take part in the meeting on the Integration of migrant youth in the world of work, organised by the European Youth Centre, Budapest, and the CDMG

- Budapest, 15-16 October 2007

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¹ This meeting is opened to all members of the plenary Committee