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

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population, meeting in Strasbourg, on 1, 2 and 4 October 2007, with Mr Çavusoglu (Turkey, EDG) and then Mr Branger (France, EPP/CD) in the Chair,

? **ON 1 OCTOBER 2007, FROM 2 TO 3 PM**, as regards:

- **Resolution 1554 (2007) on the conflict of interest**: heard a communication by its Chair on the new rules on transparency and members' declaration of interests;
- **Regularisation programmes for irregular migrants** (*Rapporteur: Mr Greenway, United Kingdom, EDG*): held an exchange of views with the following representatives of NGOs: Mr Don Flynn, (Chair, Platform for co-operation on international undocumented migrants (PICUM), Ms Marta Sainz de Baranda, ACCEM (Asociación Comisión Católica Espanola de Migraciones), Ms Camila Rodrigues (Jesuit Refugee Services Europe), Mr Raymond Perrier (Strangers into Citizens), Ms Dominique van Huystee (Stichting Los), and Mr Udo Moerschen (Chairman of the Fluechtlingsrat im Kreis Viersen);
- **Activities of the International Organization for Migration (IOM)** (*Rapporteur: Mrs Hajiyeva, Azerbaijan, EPP/CD*): took position on the amendments to the draft recommendation;
- **Assessment of transit and processing centres as a response to mixed flows of migrants and asylum seekers** (*Rapporteur: Mrs Jonker, Netherlands, EPP/CD*): took position on the amendments to the draft resolution;
- **The humanitarian crisis in Darfur** (*Rapporteur: Mrs Vermot-Mangold, Switzerland, SOC*): approved amendments to the draft resolution proposed by the rapporteur on behalf of the Committee;
- **The OECD and the world economy 2007**: approved an amendment to the provisional report proposed by Mr Keskin, Spokesperson (Germany, UEL);
- **Unexpected large scale arrival of migrants and asylum seekers in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Mr Østergaard, Denmark, ALDE*): authorised the rapporteur to carry out fact-finding visits to Turkey and the Canary Islands, in the framework of the preparation of his report and subject to the availability of funds;
- **Work programme:**
 - **Appointment of a rapporteur for opinion: The situation of Roma in Europe and relevant activities of the Council of Europe**: appointed Mrs Banovic (Serbia, EPP/CD)

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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

- **Representation of the Committee at various events:** appointed:
 - Conference “Facing the phenomenon of the asylum: the European Union and local authorities in a multilevel governance”, organised by ANCI IDEALI European Foundation of the Cities (Brussels, 10 October 2007) – interested members of the Belgian delegation, without cost to the Assembly
 - 28th Conference of European Ministers of Justice (Lanzarote, Spain, 25-26 October 2007) – Mr Çavusoglu (Turkey, EDG), and Mr Østergaard (Denmark, ALDE), [alternate: Mrs Mendonça (Portugal, SOC)] subject to the availability of funds
 - 29th Plenary session of the Interparliamentary Assembly of CIS member nations (St Petersburg, Russian Federation, 31 October 2007) – Mr Çavusoglu (Turkey, EDG) [alternate: Mr Branger (France, EPP/CD)], subject to the availability of funds
 - First Focal Points Meeting of Ombudsmen and National Human Rights Institutes (Strasbourg, 6-7 November 2007) – Mr Greenway (United Kingdom, EDG), subject to the availability of funds
 - 8th Conference of Ministers of Health of the Council of Europe (Bratislava, 22-23 November 2007) – Mr Çavusoglu (Turkey, EDG) and Mr Zernovski (“the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”, ALDE), subject to the availability of funds and given that the Bureau of the Assembly and the Standing Committee will meet in Bratislava on the same dates
 - Conference «Migration and Integration – Challenge for Europe. Which role play the media?», organised by *France Télévisions* (Paris, 22-23 November 2007) – Mr Branger (France, EPP/CD), without cost to the Assembly
 - Third Plenary Assembly of the European Roma and Travellers Forum (Strasbourg, 26 November 2007) – Mrs Banovic (Serbia, EPP/CD) and Mrs Mendonça (Portugal, SOC), subject to the availability of funds;

? **ON 2 OCTOBER 2007, FROM 8.30 TO 10.00 AM**, as regards:

- ***The humanitarian crisis in Darfur*** (*Rapporteur: Mrs Vermot-Mangold, Switzerland, SOC*): took position on the amendments to the draft resolution;

- **Composition of the sub-committees:**

- **Sub-Committee on Migration:** appointed Mr Schneider (France, EPP/CD) as a member, Mr Kucheida (France, SOC) as an alternate, Mr Mooney (Ireland, ALDE) as alternate of Mr Gregory and, decided to leave it to its Chair to re-constitute the sub-committee, if necessary, in order to enable those members of the Committee who wish to take part in the meeting in Antalya (22-23 October 2007) and who are not members of the Sub-Committee to become members;
- **Sub-Committee on Refugees:** appointed Mr Laakso (Finland, UEL) and Mrs Reps (Estonia, ALDE) as members;
- **Sub-Committee on Population:** took note of Mr Mooney’s resignation (Ireland, ALDE)

- **Next meetings of the sub-committees:** held exchanges of views on the draft programmes of the following meetings:

- **Sub-Committee on Migration:** Euro-Asian / Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Forum on Migration (Antalya, 22-23 October 2007)
- **Sub-Committee on Refugees:** participation in the Conference on durable solutions for Roma refugees, IDPs and returnees in the Balkans (Belgrade, 29-30 October 2007)
- **Ad Hoc Sub-Committee** to take part in the consultative meeting on The access of young migrants and refugees to working life, organised by the European Youth Centre Budapest, and the CDMG (Budapest, 15-16 October 2007)

and decided to open the meeting of the Sub-Committee on Refugees in Belgrade to all members and alternates of the plenary Committee;

- **The problem of environmental refugees** (*Rapporteur: Mr Bocchino, Italy, EDG*): considered a draft memorandum and heard a statement by the rapporteur;
- **Migration in Europe: a constant challenge** (*Rapporteur: Mr Preda, Romania, EPP/CD*): heard a statement by Mrs Cliveti (Romania, SOC), on behalf of the rapporteur; and authorised the Rapporteur to undertake a fact-finding visit to Strasbourg to the Council of Europe to meet with the different persons and committees responsible for migration issues
- **Appointment of a spokesperson for the debate on the “Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights – stock-taking and perspectives”**: appointed Mrs Jonker (Netherlands, EPP/CD);

? **ON 4 OCTOBER 2007, FROM 8.30 TO 9.50 AM**, as regards:

- **Europe’s response to humanitarian disasters** (*Rapporteur: Mr Mooney, Ireland, ALDE*): considered and approved a draft report and adopted a draft resolution with a view to presenting it at the Standing Committee in Bratislava on 23 November 2007;
- **Meeting of the plenary Committee in Aachen (Germany), 19-20 November 2007**: heard a statement by its Chair on the draft programme of the meeting;
- **Immigration from Sub-Saharan Africa** (*Rapporteur: Mr Branger, France, EPP/CD*): considered a preliminary draft report, held an exchange of views, with the participation of Mr Jean-Paul Gourévitch, invited expert and decided to request its Chair to ask the Bureau to extend the validity of the reference to the end of April 2008;
- **Migration and mobility in the Eurasian region – prospects for the future** (*Rapporteur: Mr Özal, Turkey, EPP/CD*): in the absence of the rapporteur, took note of a revised memorandum and held an exchange of views with Mr Postavnin, Deputy Head of the Migration Services of the Russian Federation;
- **Next Meetings**: decided to hold its next meetings as follows:

Plenary Committee:

- 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 durable solutions for Roma refugees, IDPs and returnees in the Balkans, 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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The Sub-Committee on Refugees, meeting in Strasbourg, on 4 October 2007, from 9.50 to 10.00 am, with Mr Branger (France, EPP/CD) in the Chair, in replacement of Mr Çavusoglu, as regards:

- **participation in the Conference on durable solutions for Roma refugees, IDPs and returnees in the Balkans** (*Belgrade, 29-30 October 2007*): heard a statement by Mrs Banovic (Serbia, EPP/CD) on the programme of the Conference;
- **Next meeting**: decided to hold its next meeting in Belgrade, on 29-30 October 2007.

Halvor Lervik, Mark Neville, Dana Karanjac, Olga Kostenko

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