



SECRETARIAT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

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

**Synopsis** AS/MIG/2008/CB/01

29 January 2008

**The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population**, meeting in Strasbourg, on 22, 23 and 24 January 2008:

- **ON 22 JANUARY 2008, AT 8.30 AM**, with Mr Branger (France, EPP/CD), senior member present, and then Mrs Jonker (Netherlands, EPP/CD) in the Chair, *as regards*:

– ***Election of the Committee's Bureau:***

- elected Mrs Jonker (Netherlands, EPP/CD) Chairperson by acclamation;
- elected Mr Henderson (United Kingdom, SOC) First Vice-Chairperson by acclamation;
- elected Mr Agramunt (Spain, EPP/CD) Second Vice-Chairperson by acclamation;
- elected Mr Rossi (San Marino, UEL) Third Vice-Chairperson by acclamation;

- ***Immigration from Sub-Saharan Africa*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Branger, France, EPP/CD*): approved a draft report and adopted unanimously a draft resolution;

- ***The human rights of irregular migrants in Europe***: heard a statement by Mr Thomas Hammarberg, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe, and held an exchange of views;

- ***Unexpected large scale arrival of migrants and asylum seekers in Europe*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Østergaard, Denmark, ALDE*): heard a statement by the Rapporteur;

- ***Reconstitution of the Sub-Committees***: reconstituted its three Sub-Committees: Sub-Committee on Migration, Sub-Committee on Refugees and Sub-Committee on Population.

- **ON 23 JANUARY 2008, AT 2.00 PM**, with Mrs Jonker (Netherlands, EPP/CD) in the Chair, *as regards*:

- ***Detention of asylum seekers and irregular migrants in Europe*** (*Rapporteur: Mrs Mendonça, Portugal, SOC*): authorised the Rapporteur to make a fact-finding visit to the United Kingdom, subject to the availability of funds;

- ***Improving the quality and consistency of asylum decisions in the Council of Europe Member States*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Cilevičs, Latvia, SOC*): heard a statement by the Rapporteur and authorised the Rapporteur to make a fact-finding mission to the United Kingdom on 2 April 2008, 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

- **Activities of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)** (*Rapporteur: Mr Hancock, United Kingdom, ALDE*): heard a statement by the Rapporteur on his visit to Geneva (ICRC), on 10-11 December 2007, and held an exchange of views;
- **Composition of the Sub-Committees:** finalised the composition of its three Sub-Committees (see appendix);
- **Migration and mobility in the Eurasian region – prospects for the future** (*Rapporteur: Mr Iwiński (Poland, SOC)*): heard a statement by the Rapporteur and authorised him to make a fact-finding visit to the region of Khabarovsk (Russian Federation), subject to the availability of funds;
- **Conference on the globalisation of migration processes (St Petersburg, 4 April 2008):** heard a presentation by Mr Krotov, Secretary General, and Mr Zhuk, Deputy Head of the Directorate of Inter-parliamentary Cooperation on Foreign Policy of the Inter-parliamentary Assembly of Member Nations of the CIS, confirmed there will be a meeting of the Sub-Committee on Migration to take part in the Conference and that the Sub-Committee will have a preparatory meeting with the IPA-CIS Committee dealing with migration on 3 April 2008;
- **Political aspects of migration:** held an exchange of views on the proposed Assembly debate on “State of Democracy in Europe” and more specifically the theme of “Political aspects of migration” and appointed Mr Greenway (United Kingdom, EDG) as Rapporteur;
- **Housing, land and property considerations as part of durable solutions for refugees and displaced persons:** heard a statement by its Chair and decided to ask her to submit a request to the Bureau to refer the motion for a separate report to the Committee.
- **ON 23 JANUARY 2008, AT 2.00 PM**, with Mrs Jonker (Netherlands, EPP/CD) in the Chair, as regards:
  - **Work programme:**
    - Appointment of rapporteurs:
      - *Human rights and democratic concerns for the integration of migrants:* appointed Mr Çavuşoğlu (Turkey, EDG);
      - *European Muslim communities confronted with extremism (for opinion):* appointed Mr Keskin (Germany, UEL) to replace Mrs Bousakla (Belgium, SOC), who has resigned;
    - Representation of the Committee at various events:
      - *Conference on “Interception, Rescue and Refugee Protection at European Sea Borders”, organised by the UNHCR (Athens, 29 January 2008):* appointed Mr Dendias (Greece, EPP/CD), at no cost to the Assembly;
      - *Euro-Mediterranean meetings on Migration, Co-development and intercultural dialogue, organised in cooperation with the North-South Centre and the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities (Tanger, 23-26 April 2008):* constituted<sup>1</sup> an *Ad Hoc* Sub-Committee composed by the following members: Mr Çavuşoğlu (Turkey, EDG), Mrs Cliveti (Romania, SOC), Mr Ducarme (Belgium, ALDE), Mrs Fiala (Switzerland, ALDE), Mr Greenway (United Kingdom, EDG), Mr Hancock (United Kingdom, ALDE), Mr Henderson (United Kingdom, SOC), Mr Malins (United Kingdom, EDG), Mrs Türköne (Turkey, EPP/CD);
      - *Meeting “Raising the voices of young refugees: a step forward to organise ourselves” (European Youth Centre Budapest, 11-15 February 2008):* appointed Mr Branger (France, EPP/CD), subject to the availability of funds;
      - *25<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Committee of experts on Roma and Travellers (Strasbourg, 3-4 April 2008):* appointed Mrs Banović (Serbia, EPP/CD); subject to the availability of funds;
      - *55<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the European Committee on Migration (Strasbourg, 28-29 April 2008):* appointed the Chair or the Vice-Chair of the Sub-Committee on Migration, subject to the availability of funds;

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<sup>1</sup> The composition of the *Ad Hoc* Sub-Committee will be finalised in Brussels, on 7 March 2008

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

*Plenary Committee:*

- Brussels, 6-7 March 2008
- Strasbourg, during the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the Session 2008 (14-18 April 2008)
- Rome, 19-20 May 2008 (*to be confirmed and subject to the authorisation by the Bureau*)
- Strasbourg, during the 3<sup>rd</sup> part of the Session 2008 (23-27 June 2008)

*Sub-Committee on Migration:*

- Brussels, 7 March 2008 (*to be confirmed*)
- St Petersburg, 3-4 April 2008: participation in the Joint Conference of the CIS Inter-Parliamentary Assembly and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe on Migration.

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**The Sub-Committee on Migration**, meeting in Strasbourg on 24 January 2008, with first Mrs Jonker (Netherlands, EPP/CD) and then Mr Çavuşoğlu (Turkey, EDG) in the Chair, *as regards:*

- **Election of the Sub-Committee's Bureau:** elected Mr Çavuşoğlu (Turkey, EDG) Chairperson by acclamation and elected Mr Dendias (Greece, EPP/CD), Vice-Chairperson by acclamation;

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

- Brussels, 7 March 2008 (to be confirmed)
- St Petersburg, 3-4 April 2008.

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**The Sub-Committee on Refugees**, meeting in Strasbourg on 24 January 2008, with first Mrs Jonker (Netherlands, EPP/CD) and then Mr Hagberg (Sweden, SOC) in the Chair, *as regards:*

- **Election of the Sub-Committee's Bureau:** elected Mr Østergaard (Denmark, ALDE) Chairperson by acclamation and re-elected Mr Hagberg (Sweden, SOC) Vice-Chairperson by acclamation;

- **Next meeting:** left it to its Chair to decide the date and the place of the next meeting.

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**The Sub-Committee on Population**, meeting in Strasbourg on 24 January 2008, with first Mrs Jonker (Netherlands, EPP/CD) and then Mrs Hajiyeva, (Azerbaijan, EPP/CD) in the Chair, *as regards:*

- **Election of the Sub-Committee's Bureau:** elected Mrs Hajiyeva (Azerbaijan, EPP/CD) Chairperson by acclamation and elected Mr Branger (France, EPP/CD) Vice-Chairperson by acclamation;

- **Next meeting:** left it to its Chair to decide the date and the place of the next meeting.

Halvor Lervik, Mark Neville, Dana Karanjac, Olga Kostenko

## APPENDIX / ANNEXE

### **RECONSTITUTION OF THE SUB-COMMITTEES / RECONSTITUTION DES SOUS-COMMISSIONS**

Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population  
Commission des migrations, des réfugiés et de la population

#### **1. Sub-Committee on Migration / Sous-commission des migrations** *28 seats / sièges*

##### **Chairperson / Président:**

Mr Mevlüt ÇAVUŞOĞLU, EDG Turkey / Turquie Mrs Özlem TÜRKÖNE, EPP/CD

##### **Vice-Chairperson / Vice-Président:**

Mr Nikolaos DENDIAS, EPP/CD Greece / Grèce Mr Ioannis BANIAS, UEL

<b>COUNTRY / PAYS</b>	<b>MEMBER / MEMBRE</b>	<b>ALTERNATE / REMPLACANT</b>
<i>Austria / Autriche</i>	Mrs Michaela SBURNY, SOC	Mrs Ana BLATNIK, SOC
<i>Azerbaijan / Azerbaïdjan</i>	Mr Aydin MIRZAZADA, EDG	
<i>Belgium / Belgique</i>	M. Daniel DUCARME, ADLE	Mme Miet SMET, PPE/DC
<i>Cyprus / Chypre</i>	Mr Andros KYPRIANOU, UEL	M. Fidias SARIKAS, SOC
<i>Czech Republic / République tchèque</i>	Mr Walter BARTOŠ, EDG	
<i>Denmark / Danemark</i>	Mrs Pernille FRAHM, UEL	Mr Morten ØSTERGAARD, ALDE
<i>Finland / Finlande</i>	Mr Jaako LAAKSO, UEL	
<i>France</i>	M. Jean-Guy BRANGER, PPE/DC	M. Denis JACQUAT, PPE/DC
<i>France</i>	M. André SCHNEIDER, PPE/DC	M. Jean-Pierre KUCHEIDA, SOC
<i>Germany / Allemagne</i>	Mr Christoph STRÄSSER, SOC	Mrs Angelika GRAF, SOC
<i>Ireland / Irlande</i>	Mr Tony GREGORY, SOC	Mr Peter KELLY, ALDE
<i>Italy / Italie</i>	Mr Massimo LIVI BACCI, SOC	M. Pasquale NESSA, PPE/DC
<i>Latvia / Lettonie</i>	Mr Boriss CILEVIČS, SOC	
<i>Liechtenstein</i>	Mr Gebhard NEGELE, EPP/CD	
<i>Netherlands / Pays-Bas</i>	Mr ELZINGA, UEL	Mrs STRIK, SOC
<i>Poland / Pologne</i>	Mr Tadeusz IWINSKI, SOC	Mr Bronislaw KORFANTY, NR
<i>Portugal</i>	M. Telmo CORREIA, GDE	Mme Ana Catarina MENDONÇA, SOC
<i>Russian Federation / Fédération de Russie</i>	Mrs Vera OSKINA, EDG	Mr Valeriy FEDOROV, EDG
<i>San Marino / Saint-Marin</i>	Mr Alessandro ROSSI, UEL	
<i>Spain / Espagne</i>	M. Adolfo FERNÁNDEZ AGUILAR, PPE/DC	Mr Gabino PUCHE, PPE/DC
<i>Spain / Espagne</i>	M. Joan PUIG, NI	Mrs Rosario VELASCO GARCIA, SOC
<i>Sweden / Suède</i>	Mr Göran LINDBLAD, EPP/CD	Mrs Tina ACKETOFT, ALDE
<i>"the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" / "l'Ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine"</i>	Mr Andrej ZERNOVSKI, ALDE	
<i>Ukraine</i>	Mrs Olena BONDARENKO, ALDE	Mrs Oksana BILOZIR, EPP/CD
<i>United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni</i>	Mr Doug HENDERSON, SOC	Lord BURLISON, SOC
<i>United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni</i>	Mr John GREENWAY, EDG	Mr Michael HANCOCK, ALDE

**Ex-officio:** Mrs Corien JONKER, Netherlands/Pays-Bas, EPP/CD, Chair of the Committee / Présidente de la Commission

**2. Sub-Committee on Refugees / Sous-commission des réfugiés**  
28 seats / sièges

**Chairperson / Président:**

Mr Morten ØSTERGAARD, Denmark / Danemark  
ALDE

Mrs Pernille FRAHM, UEL

**Vice-Chairperson / Vice-Président:**

Mr Michael HAGBERG, SOC Sweden / Suède

<b>COUNTRY / PAYS</b>	<b>MEMBER / MEMBRE</b>	<b>ALTERNATE / REMPLACANT</b>
Armenia / Arménie	Mr Davit HARUTIUNYAN, EDG	
Azerbaijan / Azerbaïdjan	Mrs Gultakin HAJIYEVA, EPP/CD	Mr Samad SEYIDOV, EDG
Belgium / Belgique	Mr Geert LAMBERT, SOC	M. Paul WILLE, ADLE
Bulgaria / Bulgarie	Mr Mitko DIMITROV, NR	
Cyprus / Chypre	Mr Andros KYPRIANOU, UEL	M. Fidas SARIKAS, SOC
Czech Republic / République tchèque	Mr Tomáš JIRSA, GDE	
Finland / Finlande	Mr Jaako LAAKSO, UEL	
France	M. Denis JACQUAT, PPE/DC	Mme Marie-Line REYNAUD, SOC
France	M. Jean-Pierre KUCHEIDA, SOC	
Georgia / Géorgie	Mrs Elene TEVDORADZE, ALDE	
Germany / Allemagne	Mrs Angelika GRAF, SOC	Mr Bernd HEYNEMANN, EPP/CD
Greece / Grèce	Mr Ioannis BANIAS, UEL	Mr Nikolaos DENDIAS, EPP/CD
Ireland / Irlande	Mr Peter KELLY, ALDE	Mr Tony GREGORY, SOC
Italy / Italie	M. Italo BOCCHINO, GDE	Mme Margherita BONIVER, PPE/DC
Latvia / Lettonie	Mr Boriss CILEVIČS, SOC	
Netherlands / Pays-Bas	Mrs STRIK, SOC	
Norway / Norvège	Ms Gunn Karin GJUL, SOC	
Poland / Pologne	Mr Andrzej GRZYB, EPP/CD	Mr Tadeusz IWINSKI, SOC
Portugal	Mme Ana Catarina MENDONÇA, SOC	M. Telmo CORREIA, GDE
Romania / Roumanie	Mme Minodora CLIVETI, SOC	M. Ilie ILAȘCU, NI
Russian Federation / Fédération de Russie	Mr Valeriy FEDOROV, EDG	Mrs Vera OSKINA, EDG
Serbia / Serbie	Ms Donka BANOVIĆ, EPP/CD	
Spain / Espagne	Mr Pedro AGRAMUNT, EPP/CD	Mr Gabino PUCHE, PPE/DC
Switzerland / Suisse	Mme Doris FIALA, ADLE	M. André BUGNON, ADLE
United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni	Mr Michael HANCOCK, ALDE	Mr Bill ETHERINGTON, SOC
United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni	Mr Christopher CHOPE, EDG	Lord BURLISON, SOC

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**3. Sub-Committee on Population / *Sous-commission de la population***  
*28 seats / sièges*

**Chairperson / Présidente:**

Mrs Gultakin HAJIYEVA, EPP/CD *Azerbaijan / Azerbaïdjan*

**Vice-Chairperson / Vice-Président:**

M. Jean-Guy BRANGER, PPE/DC *France*

<b>COUNTRY / PAYS</b>	<b>MEMBER / MEMBRE</b>	<b>ALTERNATE / REMPLACANT</b>
<i>Armenia / Arménie</i>	Mrs Hermine NAGHDALYAN, ALDE	
<i>Belgium / Belgique</i>	M. Paul WILLE, ADLE	Mr Geert LAMBERT, SOC
<i>Bulgaria / Bulgarie</i>	M. Younal LOUTFI, ADLE	
<i>Czech Republic / République tchèque</i>	Ms Daniela FILIPIOVÁ, EDG	
<i>Finland / Finlande</i>	Mr Reijo KALLIO, SOC	
<i>Germany / Allemagne</i>	Mr Bernd HEYNEMANN, EPP/CD	Mrs Veronika BELLMANN, EPP/CD
<i>Greece / Grèce</i>	Mrs Liana KANELLI, UEL	Mr Ioannis GIANNELLIS-THEODOSIADIS, EPP/CD
<i>Italy / Italie</i>	M. Pasquale NESSA, PPE/DC	
<i>Italy / Italie</i>	M. Giacomo STUCCHI, SOC	M. Italo BOCCHINO, GDE
<i>Luxembourg</i>	Mr Jean HUSS, SOC	
<i>Netherlands / Pays-Bas</i>	Mr Pieter OMTZIGT, EPP/CD	
<i>Portugal</i>	Mr Jorge MACHADO, UEL	
<i>Romania / Roumanie</i>	M. Cezar Florin PREDA, PPE/DC	Mr Laurențiu MIRONESCU, PPE/DC
<i>Serbia / Serbie</i>	Mr Ivica DAČIĆ, SOC	
<i>Spain / Espagne</i>	Mr Pedro AGRAMUNT, EPP/CD	M. José MENDOZA, ADLE
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