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

Synopsis AS/MIG/2008/CB/08

15 December 2008

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population, meeting in Las Palmas on 11-12 December 2008, with first Mrs Jonker (Netherlands, EPP/CD) and then Mr Henderson (United Kingdom, SOC) in the Chair,

as regards:

- **Seminars on the migration and refugee situation in Spain and also on the large scale arrival of “boat people” in the Canary Islands:** participated in the Seminars organised in cooperation with the Spanish Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly and the Government of the Canary Islands, with the participation of :
 - . Mr Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Head of the Spanish Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly (Spain, SOC)
 - . Ms Inés ROJAS, Canary Islands Government Adviser on Social Welfare, Youth and Housing
 - . Mr José Miguel Pérez García, President of the Las Palmas ‘Cabildo’ (Island Council)
 - . Ms Carolina Darias, Representative of the Government of the Canary Islands
 - . Mr Jerónimo Saavedra, Mayor of Las Palmas
 - . Mr Francisco Javier Elorza, Secretary General of Consular Affairs
 - . Mr Juan Manuel Suárez de Toro, President of the Spanish Red Cross
 - . Mr Francisco Gabella, Head of Department of the Guardia Civil, Immigration Co-ordination Authority
 - . Mr Luis Guillermo Carrión, Chief Superintendent of Police
 - . Mr Ignacio Díaz de Aguilar, Former President of CEAR (Spanish Committee for help to Refugees)
- **Humanitarian consequences of the war between Georgia and Russia** (*Rapporteur: Mrs Jonker, Netherlands, EPP/CD*): heard a statement by its Chair on her fact-finding visit to Georgia (16-21 November 2008), approved a draft report and adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation as amended and agreed to change the title of the report to “The humanitarian consequences of the war between Georgia and the Russian Federation”;
- **Environmentally induced migration and displacement: a 21st century challenge** (*Rapporteur: Mrs Acketoft (Sweden, ALDE)*): approved a draft report and a draft resolution and a draft recommendation;
- **Cooperation with the European Committee on Migration (CDMG)**: heard a statement by Mr Chris Hedges, Chair of the CDMG.

cc. Secretary General of the Assembly
Director General in the Secretariat of the Assembly
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Secretaries of National Delegations to the Assembly
Secretaries of Political Groups of the Assembly
Secretary General of the Congress
Directors General
Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe
Director of Communication
Secretary of the Committee of Ministers
Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe

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

Plenary Committee:

- Strasbourg, during the 1st part of the session 2009 (26-30 January 2009)
- The Hague (Netherlands), 26-27 March 2009 (*to be confirmed and subject to the Bureau's authorisation*)
- Strasbourg, during the 2nd part of the session 2009 (27-30 April 2009)

Sub-Committee on Refugees:

- Strasbourg, 19-20 February 2009: participation in the French Red Cross Conference

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