



SECRETARIAT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

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

Synopsis AS/MIG/2009/CB/04

28 May 2009

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population, meeting in Paris, on 27 May 2009, with Mrs Jonker (Netherlands, EPP/CD) in the chair, *as regards*:

- **Ban on cluster munitions** (*Rapporteur for opinion: Mrs Curtis-Thomas, United Kingdom, SOC*): approved a draft opinion;
- **Protecting the human rights of long-term displaced persons in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Mr Greenway, United Kingdom, EDG*): approved a draft report, adopted a draft recommendation, as amended and decided to change the title of the report to “Europe’s forgotten people: protecting the human rights of long-term displaced persons”;
- **Follow-up to be given to the report on “Humanitarian consequences of the war between Georgia and Russia: follow-up to be given to Resolution 1648 (2009)”** (*Rapporteur: Mrs Jonker, Netherlands, EPP/CD*): heard a statement by the rapporteur and held an exchange of views;
- **Improving the quality and consistency of asylum decisions in the Council of Europe Member States** (*Rapporteur: Mr Cilevičs, Latvia, SOC*): agreed to send a letter to the President of the Assembly with a request to invite Mrs N. Albayrak, Secretary of State of Justice of the Netherlands, to address the Assembly during the plenary discussion of this report;
- **Work programme**
 - **Appointment of rapporteurs:**
 - 15 years since the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (for opinion): appointed Mr Agius (Malta, EPP/CD);
 - The situation of Roma in Europe and relevant activities of the Council of Europe (for opinion): appointed Mrs Memecan (Turkey, ALDE), in replacement of Mrs Banović, who resigned;
- **Readmission agreements: a mechanism for returning irregular migrants** (*Rapporteur: Mrs Strik, Netherlands, SOC*): took part in a hearing, with the participation of:
 - Mr Samuel BOUTRUCHE, Associate European Affairs Officer, UNHCR Brussels
 - Mr Nils COLEMAN, Author of the book “European readmission agreements, third country interests and refugee rights”
 - Mr Rutko KAWCZYNSKI, President, Roma and Travellers Forum
 - Mrs Natalia OLIYNYK, International Migration Law Officer, International Migration Law and Legal Affairs Department, IOM
 - Mr Diederik PAALMAN, Negotiator of EC readmission agreements European Commission, Directorate-General Justice, Freedom and Security
 - Mrs Claire RODIER, President, Migreurop
 - Mr Chadi SIDHOM, Project coordinator for Migration and Asylum, Euromediterranean Human Rights Network (EMHRN)

cc: Secretary General and secretariat of the Assembly
Secretaries of National Delegations and of Political Groups of the Assembly
Observers to the Assembly
Secretary General of the Congress
Directors General
Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe
Secretary to the Committee of Ministers
Director of Communication
Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe

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

Plenary Committee

- Strasbourg, during the 3rd part of the session 2009 (22-26 June 2009)
- Strasbourg, during the 4th part of the session 2009 (28 September-2 October 2009)
- Brussels, 2-3 November 2009 (*to be confirmed and subject to authorisation by the Bureau*)
- Paris, 9-10 December 2009 (*to be confirmed*)

Sub-Committee on Migration

- Malta, October 2009 (*to be confirmed and subject to authorisation by the Bureau*)

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