



SECRETARIAT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

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

Synopsis AS/MIG/2009/CB/06 revised

6 October 2009

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population, meeting in Strasbourg, on 28, 29 and 30 September 2009,

● **ON MONDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER 2009, AT 2.00 PM**, with first Mrs Jonker (Netherlands, EPP/CD), and then Mr Henderson (United Kingdom, SOC) in the chair, *as regards*:

– ***The war between Georgia and Russia: one year after*** (*Rapporteur for opinion: Mrs Jonker, Netherlands, EPP/CD*): appointed Mrs Jonker Rapporteur and approved a draft opinion, as amended;

– ***Challenges posed by climate change*** (*Rapporteur for opinion: Mr Chope, United Kingdom, EDG*): approved a draft opinion, as amended;

– ***The activities of the Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development (OECD) in 2008-2009*** (*Rapporteur for opinion: Mr Agramunt, Spain, EPP/CD*): approved a draft contribution;

● **ON TUESDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER 2009, AT 8.30 AM**, with Mr Henderson (United Kingdom, SOC) in the chair, *as regards*:

– ***Engaging European diasporas: the need for governmental and intergovernmental responses*** (*Rapporteur: Mrs Bilozir, Ukraine, EPP/CD*): heard a statement by the rapporteur, approved a draft report and adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation, as amended;

– ***Readmission agreements: a mechanism for returning irregular migrants*** (*Rapporteur: Mrs Strik, Netherlands, SOC*): heard a statement by the Rapporteur, asked members who would like to send their comments to the Rapporteur to do it before 24 October and decided to consider the report for approval at its next meeting in Paris (9 December 2009);

– ***Detention of asylum seekers and irregular migrants in Europe*** (*Rapporteur: Mrs Mendonça, Portugal, SOC*): heard a statement by the rapporteur, asked members who would like to send their comments to the Rapporteur to do it before 24 October and decided to consider the report for approval at its next meeting in Paris (9 December 2009);

– ***Joint meeting with the Bureau of the CDMG*** (*Strasbourg, 29 September 2009*): appointed the following members to represent the Committee at this meeting: Mrs Acketoft (Sweden, ALDE), Mr Díaz Tejera (Spain, SOC), Mrs Fiala (Switzerland, ALDE), Mr Henderson (United Kingdom, SOC), Mr Greenway (United Kingdom, EDG), Mr Keskin (Germany, UEL), Mr Poulsen (Denmark, ALDE), Mrs Strik (Netherlands, SOC), Mr Zernovski (“the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”, ALDE);

– ***Joint Conference Assembly/Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) on Migration and violence against women in Europe*** (*Paris, 10-11 December 2009*): took note of the draft programme of the Conference and asked interested members to put forward their names to participate in the *Ad Hoc* Committee of the Bureau, before 10 November 2009;

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

● **ON WEDNESDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER 2009, AT 2.00 PM,** with Mrs Jonker (Netherlands, EPP/CD) in the chair, *as regards*:

– ***The activities of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in 2008-2009*** (*Rapporteur for opinion: Mr Agramunt, Spain, EPP/CD*): held an exchange of views with Mr Aart de Geus, Deputy Secretary-General of the OECD;

– ***Fifteen years since the International Conference on Population and Development Programme of Action*** (*Rapporteur for opinion: Mr Agius, Malta, EPP/CD*): approved a draft opinion, as amended;

– ***Migrant women: at particular risk from domestic violence*** (*Rapporteur for opinion: Mrs Acketoft, Sweden, ALDE*): approved a draft opinion;

– ***Solving property issues of refugees and displaced persons*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Poulsen, Denmark, ALDE*): heard a statement by the Rapporteur, asked members who would like to send their comments to the Rapporteur to do it before 24 October and decided to consider the report for approval at its next meeting in Paris (9 December 2009);

– ***Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs of the European Parliament - Joint parliamentary meeting (European Parliament and Swedish Riksdag) on "Building a Citizens' Europe" (Brussels, 16-17 November 2009 – to be confirmed)***: took note of the interest of the following members to participate in an Ad Hoc Committee of the Bureau: Mrs Jonker (Netherlands, EPP/CD), Mr Lindblad (Sweden, EPP/CD), Mrs Memecan (Turkey, ALDE), Mr Rigoni (Italy, ALDE), Mrs Strik (Netherlands, SOC);

– ***Work programme:***

Representation of the Committee at various events: appointed:

- Conference on the interaction of migrants and their host societies, organised by the CDMG (Barcelona, 16-17 October 2009): interested members of the Spanish delegation – *at no cost to the Assembly*
- Global Forum on migration and development (Athens, 4-5 November 2009): Mrs Jonker (Netherlands, EPP/CD) – *subject to the availability of funds*
- International Conference on Roma Migration and Freedom of Movement (Vienna, 9-10 November 2009): Mrs Memecan (Turkey, ALDE) – *subject to the availability of funds*
- International Conference on Durable Solutions for Refugees (Belgrade, 10 November 2009): Mr Zernovski ("The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", ALDE) – *subject to the availability of funds*
- European Conference on "Working together along the migratory trails – a challenge for Red Cross and Red Crescent societies (Berlin, 11-12 November 2009): Mr Poulsen, Denmark, ALDE – *subject to the availability of funds*;

– ***Cooperation with the UNHCR:*** took note of UNHCR new publication for Parliamentarians "Asylum in Europe: Now it's up to you"

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

Plenary Committee

- Paris, 9 December 2009 – to be linked to the Joint Conference Assembly/Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) on Migration and violence against women in Europe (Paris, 10-11 December 2009)
- Strasbourg, during the 1st part of the session 2010 (25-29 January 2010)

Sub-Committee on Migration

- Antalya (Turkey), 12-13 November 2009 (*to be confirmed and subject to authorisation by the Bureau*)

Mark Neville, Ivi Odrats, Carl Ekström