



SECRETARIAT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

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

Synopsis AS/MIG/CB(2010)07

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The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population, meeting in Strasbourg, on 5, 6 and 7 October 2010, with Mr Greenway (United Kingdom, EDG) in the Chair,

• **ON TUESDAY 5 OCTOBER 2010**, as regards:

– **Statement by the Chair**: heard a report by its Chair on his exchange of views with the Ministers' Deputies Rapporteur Group on Human Rights (GR-H), Strasbourg, 30 September 2010;

– **The demographic future of Europe and migration** (*Rapporteur: Ms Hajibayli, Azerbaijan, EPP/CD*): approved a draft report and adopted a draft resolution;

– **Recent rise in national security discourse in Europe: the case of Roma – debate under urgent procedure** (*Rapporteur for opinion: Mr Greenway, United Kingdom, EDG*): considered a draft report tabled by the Political Affairs Committee; considered and approved the Committee's opinion;

– **ICRC exhibition on missing persons** (*shown in Strasbourg, during the part-session*): held an exchange of views with Mr Paul-Henri ARNI, Head of the ICRC Delegation in Belgrade.

• **ON WEDNESDAY 6 OCTOBER 2010**, as regards:

– **Unaccompanied minors in Europe: issues of arrival, stay and return** (*Rapporteur: Ms Reps, Estonia, ALDE*): held an exchange of views with:

- Ms Simone TROLLER, Senior Researcher, Human Rights Watch and
- Ms Rebecca O'DONNELL, Policy and Advocacy Officer, Save the Children, Brussels

and authorised the Rapporteur to carry out a fact-finding visit to Morocco, in the framework of the preparation of the report (subject to the authorisation by the Bureau and to the availability of funds);

– **The humanitarian consequences of the war between Georgia and Russia: implementation of Resolutions 1648 (2009) and 1664 (2009)** (*Rapporteur: Ms Jonker, Netherlands, EPP/CD*): heard a statement by Mr Syméon ANTOULAS (ICRC) and held an exchange of views.

• **ON THURSDAY 7 OCTOBER 2010**, as regards:

– **Gender-related claims for asylum** (*Rapporteur: Mr Zernovski, "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", ALDE*): took position on the amendments tabled to the draft resolution and to the draft recommendation;

cc. Secretary General of the Assembly
Director General, Directors and all staff of the Secretariat of the Assembly
Secretaries of National Delegations to the Assembly
Secretaries of Political Groups of the Assembly
Observers to the Assembly
Secretary General of the Congress
Secretary to the Committee of Ministers
Directors General
Special Representative of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe for Organisation Developments and Reform
Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe
Director of the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights
Director of Communication
Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe

- **The interception and rescue at sea of asylum seekers, refugees and irregular migrants** (*rapporteur: Mr Díaz Tejera, Spain, SOC*): held an exchange of views with:
 - Mr Ignacio DÍAZ DE AGUILAR, former President of CEAR (Spanish Committee for Help for Refugees), Spain
 - Mr Neil FALZON, Human Rights Advocate, Malta
 - Mr. Sakari VUORENSOLA, Head of Legal Affairs Unit, FRONTEX.

- **Work programme:**
 - Appointment of a rapporteur for opinion:
What can Europe do for children in the aftermath of natural disasters and crisis situation: the example of Haiti : decided to postpone the item to its next meeting;
 - Representation of the Committee at various events
 - Conference on “*Unaccompanied children: what protection at the European level?*” (Strasbourg, 20 October 2010): appointed Mr Greenway (United Kingdom, EDG) and Ms Reps (Estonia, ALDE), subject to the availability of funds;
 - Council of Europe *Forum for the Future of Democracy (Yerevan, 19-21 October 2010)*: decided to ask the Bureau to nominate Mr Chope (United Kingdom, EDG) to replace Mr Greenway as member of the *Ad Hoc* Committee of the Bureau to participate in the Forum
 - Conference on “*Which integration policies for migrants?*”, organised by the Institute of European Studies (Brussels, 28-29 October 2010): appointed Mr Lindblad (Sweden, EPP/CD), at no cost to the Assembly;
 - *Global Forum on Migration and Development (Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, 8-11 November 2010)*: appointed Mr Bugnon (Switzerland, ALDE), at no cost to the Assembly and subject to the approval of the Bureau;
 - Meeting of the CDMG (Strasbourg, 15-17 November 2010) and the CDMG & UNHCR joint meeting on “*Durable solutions: local Integration and Resettlement*” (Strasbourg, 15 November 2010): appointed Mr Dendias (Greece, EPP/CD) or one of the Vice-Chairs of the Committee, subject to the availability of funds;
 - Meeting on Migration and Youth in Europe (Budapest, European Youth Centre), 29 November 2010): appointed Mr Cilevičs (Latvia, SOC), subject to the availability of funds.

- **Replies from the Committee of Ministers to texts adopted by the Assembly presented by the Committee:** took note of the reply to Recommendation 1890 (2010) on *Engaging European diasporas : the need for governmental and intergovernmental responses*;

- **Next meetings:** decided to hold its next meetings as follows:
 - Paris, 7-8 December 2010
 - Strasbourg, during the 1st part-session 2011 (24-28 January 2011)
 - Paris, 15 March 2011 (to be confirmed)
 - Strasbourg, during the 2nd part-session 2011 (14-18 April 2011)
 - Paris, 26 May 2011 (to be confirmed)

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