



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

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18 April 2011

**The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population**, meeting in Strasbourg, on 12 and 14 April 2011, with Mr Chope (United Kingdom, EDG) in the Chair,

- **ON TUESDAY 12 APRIL 2011, FROM 8.30 TO 9.15AM, as regards:**
  - ***The large-scale arrival of irregular migrants, asylum seekers and refugees on Europe's Southern shores:*** appointed **Ms Strik** (Netherlands, SOC) as Rapporteur for the debate under urgent procedure and heard from her a declaration on the absence of conflict of interest;
  - ***Reform of the Parliamentary Assembly:*** held an exchange of views with Mr Jean-Claude MIGNON (France, EPP/CD), Chair of the ad hoc Committee of the Assembly on the reform of the Assembly, on the basis of a draft contribution prepared by the Secretariat;
- **ON TUESDAY 12 APRIL 2011, FROM 2 TO 3PM, as regards:**
  - ***Unaccompanied children in Europe: issues of arrival, stay and return*** (Rapporteur: Ms Reps, Estonia, ALDE): approved amendments to the draft resolution proposed by the Rapporteur;
  - ***The large-scale arrival of irregular migrants, asylum seekers and refugees on Europe's Southern shores:*** Rapporteur: Ms Strik (Netherlands, SOC):
    - approved a report, and adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation unanimously;
    - appointed an ad hoc Sub-Committee to visit Lampedusa on 23-24 May 2011, composed as follows: **Ms Acketoft** (Sweden, ALDE), **Mr Chope** (United Kingdom, EDG), **Ms Groth** (Germany, UEL), **Mr Santini** (Italy, EPP/CD), **Ms Strik** (Netherlands, SOC) – **alternate: Mr Díaz Tejera** (Spain, SOC);
  - ***The humanitarian consequences of the war between Georgia and Russia: implementation of Resolutions 1648 (2009) and 1664 (2009):*** appointed **Ms Acketoft** (Sweden, ALDE) as rapporteur, and will ask her to make a declaration on the absence of conflict of interest at the next meeting, changed the title into "*Follow-up on the humanitarian consequences of the war between Georgia and Russia: the humanitarian situation in the war-affected areas*" and decided to ask the Bureau to extend the mandate until 30 April 2012;
- **ON THURSDAY 14 APRIL 2011, FROM 8.30 TO 9AM, as regards:**
  - ***The large-scale arrival of irregular migrants, asylum seekers and refugees on Europe's Southern shores:*** Rapporteur: Ms Strik (Netherlands, SOC): took position on the amendments to the draft resolution;

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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 situation of IDPs and returnees in the North Caucasus region** (*Rapporteur: Mr Dendias, Greece, EPP/CD*): heard a statement by the rapporteur and authorised him to visit North Caucasus (subject to the availability of funds);
- **Meetings of the plenary Committee and of the Sub-Committee on Migration in Corfu, Greece (1-2 June 2011)**: heard a statement by Mr Dendias (Greece, EPP/CD), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Migration, on the draft programme of the meetings;
- **Work programme**  
Appointment of rapporteurs:
  - Integration of migrants: is Europe failing: decided to postpone the appointment of a rapporteur to a forthcoming meeting;
  - Living together in 21st century Europe: follow-up to the Eminent Persons report: appointed **Mr Díaz Tejera** (Spain, SOC) as rapporteur for opinion and heard from him a declaration on the absence of conflict of interest;
  - The activities of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in 2010-2011: appointed **Ms Osborne** (United Kingdom, SOC) as spokesperson and heard from her a declaration on the absence of conflict of interest;Representation of the Committee at various events:
  - Conference on “The invisible borders: forced migrant destitution in Europe”, organised by Jesuit Refugee Service Europe (Brussels, 29 March 2011): heard a statement by **Ms Dumery** (Belgium, NR);
- **Sub-Committees:** appointed **Mr Chaloupka** (Czech Republic, EDG) as member of the Sub-Committee on Migration, in replacement of Mr Bartoš, who resigned;
- **Forum on the future of democracy (Cyprus, 13-14 October 2011)**: appointed the following representatives as members of the *Ad Hoc* Committee of the Bureau: **Mr Díaz Tejera** (Spain, SOC), **Mr Jelinič Plemeniti** (Slovenia, EDG) and **Mr Santini** (Italy, EPP/CD);
- **ON THURSDAY 14 APRIL 2011, FROM 2 TO 3PM, as regards:**
  - **Unaccompanied children in Europe: issues of arrival, stay and return** (*Rapporteur: Ms Reps, Estonia, ALDE*): took position on the amendments to the draft resolution and the draft recommendation;
  - **Protecting migrant women in the labour market** (*Rapporteur : Ms Frahm, Denmark, UEL*): took position on the amendments to the draft resolution
  - **Reform of the Assembly:** approved a contribution proposed by its Chair;
  - **Undocumented migrant children in an irregular situation: a real cause for concern** (*Rapporteur: Mr Agramunt, Spain, EPP/CD*): in the absence of the rapporteur, decided to consider a preliminary draft report at its next meeting;
  - **The interception and rescue at sea of asylum seekers, refugees and irregular migrants** (*Rapporteur: Mr Díaz Tejera, Spain, SOC*): heard a statement by the rapporteur, considered a preliminary draft report and decided to consider a draft report for approval at its next meeting;
  - **Asylum seekers and refugees: sharing responsibilities in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Mr Chope, United Kingdom, EDG*): heard a statement by the rapporteur, considered an outline for the report, authorised the rapporteur to carry out a fact-finding visit to Brussels in May 2011 (subject to the availability of funds) and decided to consider a draft report for approval at its next meeting;
  - **Other business:** heard a statement by its Chair on the different events to be organised around the occasion of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1951 Geneva Refugees Convention on 20 June 2011, in cooperation with the UNHCR and the European Youth Centre;

- **Next meetings:** decided to hold its next meetings as follows:
  - **Corfu (Greece)**, 1-2 June 2011:
    - . 1<sup>st</sup> June: plenary Committee
    - . 2 June : Sub-Committee on Migration<sup>1</sup>
  - **Strasbourg**, during the 3<sup>rd</sup> part-session 2011 (20-24 June 2011)
  - **Paris**, 13 September 2011 (to be confirmed)
  - **Strasbourg**, during the 4<sup>th</sup> part-session 2011 (3-7 October 2011)
  - **Paris**, 7 December 2011 (to be confirmed)

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**The Sub-committee on Migration**, meeting in Strasbourg, on 13 April 2011, with Mr Dendias (Greece, EPP/CD) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Situation in North Africa:** held an exchange of views with
  - Mr Olivier BEER, Representative of the UNHCR
  - Mr Syméon ANTOULAS, Representative of the ICRC
  - Mr Lionel HILAIRE, Representative of Amnesty International
  - Representatives of the Parliament of Algeria;
- **Security and Migration:** held an exchange of views with representatives of the Parliament of Morocco;
- **Next meeting:** decided to hold its next meeting in Corfu (Greece) on 2 June 2011

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<sup>1</sup> The meeting of the Sub-Committee on Migration is opened to all members of the plenary committee