



SECRETARIAT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

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

Synopsis AS/MIG/CB(2011)04

7 June 2011

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population, meeting in Corfu (Greece), on 1 June 2011, with Mr Christopher Chope (United Kingdom, EDG) in the Chair,

held exchanges of views with:

- . Ms Rodoula ZISSI, Vice-Chairwoman of the Parliament of Greece, Chairwoman of the European Affairs Committee and former member of the Greek Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly
- . Mr Christos PAPOUTSIS, Minister for Citizen Protection
- . Ms Anna DALARA, Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Security
- . Mr Konstantinos VRETTOS, Chairman of the Greek Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly;

and, as regards:

– ***The large-scale arrival of irregular migrants, asylum seekers and refugees on Europe's Southern shores:***

- . heard a statement by Mr Christopher CHOPE (United Kingdom, EDG) on the visit of the *Ad Hoc* Sub-Committee to Lampedusa on 23-24 May 2011 and held an exchange of views;
- . held an exchange of views with Ms Claudette ABELA-BALDACCHINO (Malta), Vice-Chair of the Current Affairs Committee of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, Ms Andromachi LAZARIDIS, IOM Greek Office and Ms Nuala MOLE, Director of the AIRE Centre (Advice on Individual Rights in Europe), United Kingdom;

– ***The interception and rescue at sea of asylum seekers, refugees and irregular migrants (Rapporteur: Mr Arcadio Díaz Tejera, Spain, SOC):*** considered and approved a report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation;

– ***Asylum seekers and refugees: sharing responsibilities in Europe (Rapporteur: Mr Christopher Chope, United Kingdom, EDG):*** with Mr Giacomo Santini, First Vice-Chairperson (Italy, EPP/CD) in the chair, heard a statement by the rapporteur on his fact-finding visit to Brussels in May 2011, considered and approved a report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation;

– ***Undocumented migrant children in an irregular situation: a real cause for concern (Rapporteur: Mr Pedro Agramunt, Spain, EPP/CD):*** considered a preliminary draft report;

– ***Living together in the 21st century Europe: follow-up to the eminent persons report (Rapporteur for opinion, Mr Arcadio Díaz Tejera, Spain, SOC):*** heard a statement by the rapporteur and decided to approve a draft opinion at its next meeting, during the June part-session of the Assembly;

– ***The situation of IDPs and returnees in the North Caucasus region (Rapporteur: Mr Nikolaos Dendias, Greece, EPP/CD):*** heard a statement by the rapporteur;

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 portrayal of migrants and refugees during election campaigns** (*Rapporteur: Ms Daphné Dumery, Belgium, NR*): heard a statement by the rapporteur and authorised her to carry out a fact-finding visit to Denmark and Sweden in the framework of the preparation of her report (subject to the availability of funds);

– **Work programme:**

Appointments:

. Conference on Migration in times of Economic crisis, organised by the Churches' Commission for Migrants in Europe (CCME) (Bucharest, Romania, 17 June 2011): appointed Mr Pedro AGRAMUNT (Spain, EPP/CD) – *subject to the availability of funds*;

. Seminar on Challenges of migration for local and regional authorities, organised by the Congress of Local and Regional authorities (Yerevan, 30 June 2011): appointed its Chair, *subject to the availability of funds*;

Statements:

Consultation meeting with certain Networks of European National Human Rights Structures (NHRSS) on the Council of Europe's activities in the field of migration", hosted by the Ombudsman of Greece (English only) (Athens, 5-6 May 2011): heard a statement by Mr Nikolaos DENDIAS (Greece, EPP/CD);

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

- **Strasbourg**, during the 3rd part-session 2011 (20-24 June 2011)
- **Paris**, 13 September 2011
- **Strasbourg**, during the 4th 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 Corfu, on 2 June 2011, with Mr Nikolaos Dendias (Greece, EPP/CD) in the Chair,

- **heard welcoming words by:**

- . Mr Spiridon SPYROU, Regional Governor of the Ionian islands
- . Mr Ioannis TREPEKLIS, Mayor of Corfu;

- **held exchanges of views with**

(i) the following local personalities:

- . Mr Ioannis TZANNIS, Deputy Mayor of Igoumenitsa
- . H.E. Metropolitan of Corfu, Paxoi and Diapontia Islands Mr NEKTARIOS
- . Prof. Vasileios KARYDIS, Deputy Ombudsman
- . Ms Georgia ZERVOU, Member of the Greek National Commission for Human Rights

(ii) Ms Ariana VASSILAKI, Office of the UNHCR in Athens;

and, as regards:

– **The portrayal of migrants and refugees during election campaigns** (*Rapporteur: Ms Daphné Dumery, Belgium, NR*): held exchanges of views with Mr John GRAYSON, Independent Researcher and Adult Educator, South Yorkshire Migration and Asylum Action Group (SYMAAG) and AdEd Knowledge Company, United Kingdom, and Ms Andromachi LAZARIDIS, representative of IOM Greek Office;

– **Next meeting:** left it to its Chair to decide the date and place of the next meeting.

Mark Neville, Ivi-Triin Odrats, Isild Heurtin