



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

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15 September 2011

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population, meeting in Paris, on 13 September 2011, with Mr Christopher Chope (United Kingdom, EDG) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Undocumented migrant children in an irregular situation: a real cause for concern** (*Rapporteur: Mr Pedro Agramunt, Spain, EPP/CD*): approved a report and unanimously adopted a draft recommendation, as amended;
- **The activities of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in 2010-2011** (*Rapporteur for contribution: Ms Sandra Osborne, United Kingdom, SOC*): approved a draft contribution;
- **The portrayal of migrants and refugees during election campaigns** (*Rapporteur: Ms Daphné Dumery, Belgium, NR*): in the absence of the Rapporteur, decided to postpone this item to its next meeting;
- **Demographic trends in Europe: turning challenges into opportunities** (*Rapporteur: Ms Nursuna Memecan, Turkey, ALDE*): considered a memorandum, held an exchange of views with Mr Nico van NIMWEGEN, Deputy Director, Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute (NIDI) and decided to propose to the Bureau of the Assembly to invite the executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund and Under-Secretary General of the United Nations, Dr Babatunde Osotimehin, to address the Parliamentary Assembly when this report will be debated;
- **The situation of IDPs and returnees in the North Caucasus region** (*Rapporteur: Mr Nikolaos Dendias, Greece, EPP/CD*): heard a statement by the Rapporteur on his forthcoming fact-finding visit to Moscow and to the North Caucasus region (18-24 September 2011) and held an exchange of views with Ms Nadine WALICKI, Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC) and Mr Ion SMOCHINA, Head of Caucasus Desk, Danish Refugee Council;
- **The situation of Roma in Europe: movement and migration** (*Rapporteur: Ms Annette Groth, Germany, UEL*): in the absence of the Rapporteur, decided to postpone this item to its next meeting;
- **Lives lost in the Mediterranean sea: who is responsible?** (*Rapporteur: Ms Tineke Strik, Netherlands, SOC*): in the absence of the Rapporteur, was informed on the programme of her fact-finding visit to Rome (6-7 September 2011) and held an exchange of views;

- cc. Secretary General of the Assembly
Director General, Directors and all staff of the Secretariat of the Assembly
Secretaries of National Delegations and of Political Groups of the Assembly
Members of observer and partner for democracy delegations
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 Organisational Development 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

– **Ad Hoc Sub-Committee on the large-scale arrival of irregular migrants, asylum seekers and refugees on Europe's Southern shores:** heard a statement by the Chairperson of the Ad Hoc Sub-Committee on its visit to the Turkish-Syrian border (26 July 2011) and decided to appoint substitute members to the Ad Hoc Sub-Committee at its next meeting;

– **Recommendation 1975 (2011): Living together in 21st-Century Europe: follow-up to the report of the Group of Eminent Persons of the Council of Europe:** held an exchange of views on possible proposals for action, regarding paragraph 14.4 of Recommendation 1975 (2011) and decided to return to the issue at its next meeting;

– **Work programme:**

Appointments of Rapporteurs

• For report:

- Integration of migrants: is Europe failing?: decided to postpone the appointment to its next meeting;
- Controlling irregular migration and asylum claims beyond the European Union's Eastern border: appointed **Mr Giacomo Santini** (Italy, EPP/CD);
- Integration tests for migrants: a step forward or back? decided to postpone the appointment to its next meeting;
- Missing persons from Europe's conflicts: the long road to finding humanitarian answers: appointed **Mr Pedro Agramunt** (Spain, EPP/CD);

• For opinion:

- Violence against religious communities: appointed **Mr Tuğrul Tükeş** (Turkey, EDG);

and heard from the appointed Rapporteurs a statement concerning the absence of conflict of interest.

Appointments for representation of the Committee at various events

- Conference on "Responding to boat arrivals in the Mediterranean and mixed migration flows" organised by the International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC) (Brussels, 21 September 2011): appointed **Mr Giacomo Santini** (Italy, EPP/CD), subject to the availability of funds;
- "Gensen" European experts meeting (Paris, 26-27 September 2011): appointed **Mr Andrej Zernovski** ("The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", ALDE), at no cost to the Assembly;
- Conference on "Dignity and rights for irregular migrants", organised by the European Union for Fundamental Rights (FRA) (Warsaw, 21-22 November 2011): appointed **Mr Nikolaos Dendias** (Greece, EPP/CD), subject to the availability of funds;

Statements

- Seminar on Challenges of migration for local and regional authorities, organised by the Congress of Local and Regional authorities of the Council of Europe (Yerevan, 30 June 2011): heard a statement by Mr Christopher CHOPE (United Kingdom, EDG);
- Conference on Migration in times of Economic crisis, organised by the Churches' Commission for Migrants in Europe (CCME) (Bucharest, Romania, 17 June 2011): in the absence of Mr Arcadio DÍAZ TEJERA (Spain, SOC), decided to postpone this item to its next meeting;

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

- **Strasbourg**, during the 4th part-session 2011 (3-7 October 2011)
- **Paris**, 29-30 November 2011 (to be confirmed)
- **Strasbourg**, during the 1st part-session 2012 (23-27 January 2012)

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The Ad Hoc Sub-Committee on the large-scale arrival of irregular migrants, asylum seekers and refugees on Europe's Southern shores, meeting in Paris, on 13 September 2011, from 9.30 to 10 am, with Mr Christopher Chope (United Kingdom, EDG) in the chair, *as regards*:

- ***Follow-up to its visit to Lampedusa (Italy) on 23-24 May 2011***: approved a report on the visit and decided to submit it to the Plenary Committee at its next meeting with a view to declassifying it;
- ***Future activities of the Ad Hoc Sub-Committee***: held an exchange of views;
- ***Next meeting***: left it to its Chair to convene the next meeting.

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