



SECRETARIAT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

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

Synopsis AS/MIG/CB(2011)08

2 December 2011

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population, meeting in Paris, on 29 and 30 November 2011, with Mr Christopher Chope (United Kingdom, EDG) in the Chair,

● **ON TUESDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2011, from 2.00pm to 6.30pm, as regards:**

– ***Lives lost in the Mediterranean sea: who is responsible?*** (*Rapporteur: Ms Tineke Strik, Netherlands, SOC*): held a hearing with the participation of:

- ✓ **Mr Baldwin de VIDTS**, Vice-President of the International Institute of Humanitarian Law,
- ✓ **Mr Christopher HEIN**, Director of Italian Refugee Council,
- ✓ **Ms Anja KLUG**, Senior Legal Officer, Asylum and Migration Unit, Department of International Protection of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR),
- ✓ **Mr Rustamas LIUBAJEVAS**, Head of Joint Operations Unit, FRONTEX,
- ✓ **Mr Stephane OJEDA**, Diplomatic Adviser, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC);

● **ON WEDNESDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2011, as regards:**

– ***Relations with the Council of Europe Development Bank***: heard a statement by **Mr Apolino RUIZ LIGERO**, Vice-Governor Delegate, and held an exchange of views;

– ***Demographic trends in Europe: turning challenges into opportunities*** (*Rapporteur: Ms Nursuna Memecan, Turkey, ALDE*): approved a report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution;

– ***The portrayal of migrants and refugees during election campaigns*** (*Rapporteur: Ms Daphné Dumery, Belgium, NR*): heard a statement by the Rapporteur and held an exchange of views;

– ***The situation of IDPs and returnees in the North Caucasus region*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Nikolaos Dendias, Greece, EPP/CD*): heard a statement by the Rapporteur, held an exchange of views, decided to invite **Mr Vyacheslav POSTAVNIN**, former Deputy Director of the Federal Migration Service of the Russian Federation, to attend the next Committee meeting and decided to propose to the Bureau of the Assembly to invite **Mr Konstantin ROMODANOVSKY**, Head of the Migration Service of the Russian Federation, to address the Parliamentary Assembly when this report will be debated;

– ***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***: considered and agreed on possible proposals for action to be submitted to the Bureau, regarding paragraph 14.4 of Recommendation 1975 (2011), heard a statement and held an exchange of views with:

- ✓ **Mr Jan NIESSEN**, Director, Migration Policy Group,
- ✓ **Ms Alenka PRVINSEK**, Senior Policy Officer, International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD);

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
Secretaries of observer and partner for democracy delegations
Secretary General of the Congress
Secretary to the Committee of Ministers
Directors General
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 large-scale arrival of irregular migrants, asylum seekers and refugees on Europe’s Southern shores:** heard a statement by Mr Christopher Chope, Chair of the Sub-Committee, and decided to declassify the report on the visit of the Sub-Committee to Antakya, Turkey (26 July 2011);

– **Work programme:**

Appointment of rapporteurs (for report):

Alternatives to Europe’s sub-standard IDP collective centres: decided to postpone the appointment to its next meeting;

Unaccompanied migrant children: what rights at 18?: decided to postpone the appointment to its next meeting;

FRONTEX and human rights implications of Europe’s border security: appointed **Mr Mikael CEDERBRATT** (Sweden, EPP/CD) and heard from him a statement concerning the absence of conflict of interest;

Appointment of rapporteurs (for opinion):

Muslim women in Europe: for equal opportunities (Reporting Committee: Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men): appointed **Ms Tülin ERKAL KARA** (Turkey, EPP/CD) and heard from her a statement concerning the absence of conflict of interest;

Representation of the Committee at various events – statements:

Conference on “Dignity and rights for irregular migrants”, organised by the European Union for Fundamental Rights (FRA) (Warsaw, 21-22 November 2011): heard a statement by **Mr Christopher Chope** (United Kingdom, EDG);

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

- **Strasbourg**, during the 1st part-session 2012 (23-27 January 2012)
- **Paris**, 23 March 2012 (to be confirmed)
- **Strasbourg**, during the 2nd part-session 2012 (23-27 April 2012)
- **Paris**, 31 May 2012 (to be confirmed)
- **Strasbourg**, during the 3rd part-session 2012 (25-29 June 2012)
- **Paris**, 11 September 2012 (to be confirmed)
- **Strasbourg**, during the 4th part-session 2012 (1-5 October 2012)
- **Paris**, 4 December 2012 (to be confirmed).

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The Ad Hoc Sub-Committee on large-scale arrival of irregular migrants, asylum seekers and refugees on Europe’s Southern shores, meeting in Paris, on 29 November 2011, from 10am to 12.30pm, with Mr Christopher Chope (United Kingdom, EDG) in the chair, *as regards*:

– **Follow-up to its visit to Antakya (Turkey) on 26 July 2011:** approved a report on the visit and decided to submit it to the Plenary Committee with a view to declassifying it;

– **Lives lost in the Mediterranean sea: who is responsible?** (*Rapporteur: Ms Tineke Strik, Netherlands, SOC*): heard a statement and held an exchange of views with:

- ✓ **Ms Katherine BOOTH**, International Federation for Human Rights
- ✓ **Mr Emiliano BOS**, Journalist (Swiss International Radio - RSI)
- ✓ **Mr Christopher HEIN**, Director of the Italian Refugee Council

– **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.

Mark Neville, Ivi-Triin Odrats, Isild Heurtin