



## TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON MIGRATION, REFUGEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS

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**The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons**, meeting in Strasbourg, on 24, 25 and 26 January 2012 with first Mr Jim Hood (United Kingdom, SOC), senior member present, and then Mr Giacomo Santini (Italy, EPP/CD) in the Chair,

- **ON TUESDAY 24 JANUARY 2012, from 8.30 to 10am, as regards:**
  - **Election of the Committee's bureau<sup>1</sup>**
    - elected Mr Giacomo Santini (Italy, EPP/CD) Chairperson by acclamation;
    - elected Mr Nikolaos Dendias (Greece, EPP/CD) Vice-Chairperson by acclamation;
    - elected Ms Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC) Vice-Chairperson by acclamation;
    - elected Mr Tuğrul Türkeş (Turkey, EDG) Vice-Chairperson by acclamation;
  - ***Enforced population transfer as a human rights violation*** (*Rapporteur for opinion: Mr Tuğrul Türkeş, Turkey, EDG*): approved a draft opinion, took position on the amendment and took note that a dissenting opinion would be presented by a member of Cypriot Delegation;
  - ***The situation of IDPs and returnees in the north Caucasus region*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Nikolaos Dendias, Greece, EPP/CD*): approved a report and adopted unanimously a draft resolution;
  - ***Family reunification***: heard a statement by Ms Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC), approved a position paper, asked its Chair to inform the Commissioner for Home Affairs of the European Commission of the Committee's position on the questions posed in the Green Paper on the right to family reunification of third-country nationals living in the European Union (Directive 2003/86/EC) and asked Ms Strik to follow-up this issue;
  - ***Trafficking of migrant workers for forced labour: time for a closer look*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Titus Corlăţean, Romania, SOC*): considered an outline for the report and heard a statement by the rapporteur;
  - ***FRONTEX and human rights implications of Europe's border security*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Mikael Cederbratt, Sweden, EPP/CD*): authorised the rapporteur to carry out fact-finding visits to Brussels and Warsaw, in the framework of the preparation of his report (subject to the availability of funds);

<sup>1</sup> At its meeting on 27 January 2012, the Bureau decided:

. to ask the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs to provide an interpretation of the procedure for the establishment of the order of precedence of Vice-Chairpersons of Committees and to report back to the Bureau;

. pending the reply from the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs, to invite the Assembly committees not to apply an order of precedence of the elected Vice-Chairpersons.

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

- **ON WEDNESDAY 25 JANUARY 2012, from 2 to 3.30pm, as regards:**
  - ***Controlling irregular migration and asylum claims beyond the European Union's Eastern border*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Santini, Italy, EPP/CD*): held an exchange of views with Mr Latif Hüseyinov, President of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT);
  - ***Lives lost in the Mediterranean sea: who is responsible?*** (*Rapporteur: Ms Tineke Strik, Netherlands, SOC*): considered an outline for the report and heard a statement by the rapporteur on her fact-finding visit to Malta (15-16 December 2011);
  - ***Follow-up on the humanitarian consequences of the war between Georgia and Russia: the humanitarian situation in the war-affected areas*** (*Rapporteur: Ms Tina Acketoft, Sweden, ALDE*): considered an outline for the report and heard a statement by the rapporteur on her fact-finding visit to Georgia (12-15 December 2011);
  - ***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;
- **ON THURSDAY 25 JANUARY 2012, from 2 to 3.30pm, as regards:**
  - ***Demographic trends in Europe: turning challenges into opportunities*** (*Rapporteur: Ms Nursuna Memecan, Turkey, ALDE*): took note that there was no amendment tabled to the draft resolution;
  - ***Priorities and coordination on migration activities***: held an exchange of views with Mr Christos Giakoumopoulos, Director of Human Rights of the Council of Europe, and decided to pursue the cooperation;
  - ***Future activities and priorities and proposed sub-committees***: held an exchange of views on the basis of an information document prepared by the secretariat and approved the priorities for the Committee in 2012:
  - ***Constitution of the sub-committees***: decided to constitute the following permanent sub-committees:
    - Sub-Committee on Integration,
    - Sub-Committee on Detention,
    - Sub-Committee on Co-operation with non European countries of origin and transit,
and decided to reconstitute the *Ad Hoc* Sub-Committee on large-scale arrival of irregular migrants, asylum-seekers and refugees on Europe's Southern shores;
  - ***Composition of the sub-committees***: decided to postpone the composition of the three newly constituted sub-committees to its next meeting and agreed the following composition of the *Ad Hoc* Sub-Committee on large-scale arrival of irregular migrants, asylum seekers and refugees on Europe's Southern shores: Ms Tina Acketoft (Sweden, ALDE) – alternate: Ms Doris Fiala (Switzerland, ALDE), Mr Christopher Chope (United Kingdom, EDG) – alternate: Mr Tuğrul Türkeş (Turkey, EDG), Ms Annette Groth (Germany, UEL), Mr Giacomo Santini (Italy, EPP/CD) and Ms Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC);
  - ***Work programme:***
    - **Appointment of rapporteurs**  
For report:
      - Alternatives to Europe's sub-standard IDP collective centres: appointed Mr René Rouquet (France, SOC);
      - Unaccompanied migrant children: what rights at 18?: appointed Ms Mailis Reps (Estonia, ALDE) and heard from her a statement concerning the absence of conflict of interest;
      - Controlling irregular migration and asylum claims beyond the European Union's Eastern border: appointed Mr Andrea Rigoni (Italy, ALDE), in replacement of Mr Giacomo Santini, who resigned as rapporteur;

For opinion:

- Access to nationality (reporting committee: Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights):  
appointed Mr Rafael Huseynov (Azerbaijan, ALDE);
  
- **Next meetings:** decided to hold its next meetings as follows:
  - **Brussels**, 29-30 March 2012
  - **Strasbourg**, during the 2<sup>nd</sup> part-session 2012 (23-27 April 2012)
  - **Paris**, 31 May 2012 (to be confirmed)
  - **Strasbourg**, during the 3<sup>rd</sup> part-session 2012 (25-29 June 2012)
  - **Paris**, 11 September 2012 (to be confirmed)
  - **Strasbourg**, during the 4<sup>th</sup> part-session 2012 (1-5 October 2012)
  - **Paris**, 4 December 2012 (to be confirmed).

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