



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

**Synopsis** AS/MIG/CB(2012)03

27 April 2012

**The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons**, meeting in Strasbourg, on 24, 25 and 26 April 2012 with Mr Giacomo Santini (Italy, EPP/CD) in the Chair,

- **ON TUESDAY 24 APRIL 2012, from 8.30 to 10am, as regards:**
    - ***The situation in Syria:*** in view of the urgent debate, appointed **Mr Giacomo Santini** (Italy, EPP/CD) Rapporteur for opinion and heard from him a statement concerning the absence of any conflict of interest;
    - ***Lives lost in the Mediterranean Sea: who is responsible?*** (Rapporteur: Ms Tineke Strik, Netherlands, SOC): took position on the amendments to the draft resolution and held an exchange of views with **Father Mussie ZERAI**, Priest;
  - **ON WEDNESDAY 25 APRIL 2012, from 2 to 3pm, as regards:**
    - ***Ad Hoc Sub-Committee on large-scale arrival of irregular migrants, asylum seekers and refugees on Europe's Southern shores:*** took note that the Ad Hoc Sub-Committee elected Ms Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC) Chairperson and authorised the Ad Hoc Sub-Committee to visit the Greek-Turkish border on 30-31 August 2012 (to be confirmed and subject to the Bureau's authorisation);
    - ***The situation in Syria*** (Rapporteur: Mr Giacomo Santini, Italy, EPP/CD): considered and approved an opinion;
    - ***The situation of IDPs and returnees in the north Caucasus region*** (Rapporteur: Mr Nikolaos Dendias, Greece, EPP/CD): considered and approved amendments to the draft resolution proposed by the Rapporteur and appointed Mr Christopher Chope (United Kingdom, EDG) to replace the rapporteur to present the report to the Assembly;
    - ***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 a preliminary draft report, heard a statement by the rapporteur and decided to modify the title of the report as follows: "The war between Georgia and Russia: the humanitarian situation in the war-affected areas";
- 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

- **The situation of Roma in Europe: movement and migration** (Rapporteur: Ms Annette Groth, Germany, SOC): considered a preliminary draft report and heard a statement by the Rapporteur;
- **Controlling irregular migration and asylum claims beyond the European Union's Eastern border** (Rapporteur: Mr Andrea Rigoni, Italy, ALDE): considered an outline for the report, heard a statement by the rapporteur, authorised the rapporteur to carry out fact-finding visits to Ukraine and Turkey (subject to the availability of funds) in the framework of the preparation of his report and decided to modify the title of the report as follows: "Management of mixed migration and asylum challenges beyond the European Union's Eastern border";
- **FRONTEX and human rights implications of Europe's border security** (Rapporteur: Mr Mikael Cederbratt, Sweden, EPP/CD): considered an outline for the report and heard a statement by the rapporteur;
- **Integration tests for migrants: a step forward or back?** (Rapporteur: Ms Tineke Strik, Netherlands, SOC): considered an outline for the report and heard a statement by the rapporteur;
- **Membership of sub-committees:** approved the following changes:
  - Sub-Committee on Integration
    - Mr Roman Jakič (Slovenia, ALDE) to become a titular member
    - Mr Sergey Kalashnikov (Russian Federation, EDG) to become a titular member
    - Mr Arminas Lydeka (Lithuania, ALDE) to become an alternate member
    - Ms Arūnė Stirblytė (Lithuania, ALDE) to become a titular member
  - Sub-Committee on Detention
    - Mr Mikael Cederbratt (Sweden, EPP/CD) to become a titular member
    - Mr Sergey Kalashnikov (Russian Federation, EDG) to become a titular member
    - Mr Arminas Lydeka (Lithuania, ALDE) to become a titular member
    - Mr Aleksandrs Sakovskis (Latvia, SOC) to become a titular member
    - Ms Arūnė Stirblytė (Lithuania, ALDE) to become an alternate member
  - Sub-Committee on Co-operation with non-European countries of origin and transit
    - Ms Delia Blanco (Spain, SOC) to become a titular member
    - Mr Roman Jakič (Slovenia, ALDE) to become a titular member
    - Mr Nikola Vuljanic (Croatia, NR) to become a titular member
    - Mr Andrea Rigoni (Italy, ALDE) to become a titular member
  - Ad Hoc Sub-Committee on large-scale arrival of irregular migrants, asylum seekers and refugees on Europe's Southern shores
    - Ms Delia Blanco (Spain, SOC) to become an alternate member (SOC titular member: Ms Tineke Strik, Netherlands)
    - Mr Mikael Cederbratt (Sweden, EPP/CD) to become an alternate member (EPP/CD titular member: Mr Giacomo Santini, Italy)
- **ON THURSDAY 26 APRIL 2012, from 2 to 3.30pm, as regards:**
  - **The situation of IDPs and returnees in the north Caucasus region** (Rapporteur: Mr Nikolaos Dendias, Greece, EPP/CD): took position on the amendments to the draft resolution;
  - **Parliamentarian visits to detention centres:** held an exchange of views with **Ms Tanya Norton**, Detention Monitoring Programme, Association for the Prevention of Torture (APT);
  - **The portrayal of migrants and refugees during election campaigns** (Rapporteur: Ms Daphné Dumery, Belgium, NR): in the absence of the rapporteur, took note of the preliminary draft report;
  - **Unaccompanied migrant children: what rights at 18?** (Rapporteur: Ms Mailis Reps, Estonia, ALDE): heard a statement by the Rapporteur;
  - **Lives lost in the Mediterranean Sea: who is responsible?- Follow-up** (Rapporteur: Ms Tineke Strik, Netherlands, SOC): authorised the Rapporteur to present her report to the LIBE Committee of the European Parliament in Brussels on 30 May 2012 (subject to the availability of funds);

– **Work programme:**

• **Appointment of rapporteurs**

For report:

- Integration of migrants: is Europe failing?: appointed **Ms Pelin Gündeş Bakir** (Turkey, EDG) and heard from her a statement concerning the absence of any conflict of interest;
- Effective and fair returns of irregular migrants and failed asylum seekers: appointed **Ms Anne-Mari Virolainen** (Finland, EPP/CD) and heard from her a statement concerning the absence of any conflict of interest;

• **Appointment of a spokesperson**

- Activities of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in 2011-2012: decided to postpone the appointment to its next meeting;

• **Representation of the Committee at various events**

- Dialogue on Mediterranean Transit Migration (MTM) (Valetta, Malta, 22-24 May 2012): appointed **Mr Tadeusz Iwiński** (Poland, SOC), subject to the availability of funds;
- European Forum for integration on family reunification organised by the European Commission (Brussels, 31 May – 1 June 2012) : appointed **Ms Tineke Strik** (Netherlands, SOC), subject to the availability of funds;
- World Forum for Democracy (5-11 October 2012) : appointed **Mr René Rouquet** (France, SOC) to become a member of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Bureau;

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

- **Paris**, 1 June 2012
- **Strasbourg**, during the 3<sup>rd</sup> part-session 2012 (25-29 June 2012)
- **Paris**, 11-12 September 2012 (to be confirmed)
- **Strasbourg**, during the 4<sup>th</sup> part-session 2012 (1-5 October 2012)
- **Paris or Geneva**, 4 December 2012 (to be confirmed) and for Geneva, subject to the authorisation of the Bureau.

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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 Strasbourg, on 24 April 2012, from 2.30 to 3.30pm, with Mr Giacomo Santini (Italy, EPP/CD), in the Chair, *as regards*:

– **Election of the Chairperson:** elected **Ms Tineke Strik** (Netherlands, SOC) Chairperson by acclamation, and with Ms Tineke Strik in the Chair, *as regards*:

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

- ✓ **Mr Maarten DEN HEIJER**, Amsterdam Center for International Law
- ✓ **Father Mussie ZERAI**, Priest

– **The situation in Syria** (*Rapporteur: Mr Giacomo Santini, Italy, EPP/CD*): held an exchange of views with **Mr Malaz Alatassi**, founder and board member of the Syrian Sunrise Foundation;

– **Future activities of the Ad Hoc Sub-Committee:** held an exchange of views and decided to hold one of its forthcoming meetings on the Greek-Turkish border, in Summer 2012 (subject to the agreement of the Greek authorities and subject to the Bureau's authorisation and the availability of funds);

– **Next meeting:** left it to its Chair to convene the next meeting.

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**The Sub-Committee on Integration**, meeting in Strasbourg on 25 April 2012, with Mr Giacomo Santini (Italy, EPP/CD) in the Chair, *as regards*:

- **Election of the Sub-Committee's Bureau:** elected Ms Mailis Reps (Estonia, ALDE) Chairperson by acclamation and decided to elect its Vice-Chair at its next meeting;
- **Next meeting:** left it to its Chair to convene the next meeting.

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**The Sub-Committee on Detention**, meeting in Strasbourg on 25 April 2012, with Mr Giacomo Santini (Italy, EPP/CD) in the Chair, *as regards*:

- **Election of the Sub-Committee's Bureau:** elected Mr Mikael Cederbratt (Sweden, EPP/CD) Chairperson by acclamation and decided to elect its Vice-Chair at its next meeting;
- **Next meeting:** left it to its Chair to convene the next meeting.

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**The Sub-Committee on Cooperation with non European countries of origin and transit**, meeting in Strasbourg on 25 April 2012, with Mr Giacomo Santini (Italy, EPP/CD) in the Chair, *as regards*:

- **Election of the Sub-Committee's Bureau:** elected **Mr Tadeusz Iwiński** (Poland, SOC) Chairperson and decided to elect its Vice-Chair at its next meeting;
- **Next meeting:** left it to its Chair to convene the next meeting.

Mark Neville, Agnès Nollinger, Olga Kostenko, Isild Heurtin