



SECRETARIAT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

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

Synopsis AS/MIG/2009/CB/01

2 February 2009

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population, meeting in Strasbourg, on 27, 28 and 29 January 2009:

• **ON 27 JANUARY 2009, AT 2.00 PM**, with Mr Greenway (United Kingdom, EDG), senior member present, and then Mrs Jonker (Netherlands, EPP/CD) in the Chair, *as regards*:

– ***Election of the Committee's Bureau:***

- re-elected Mrs Jonker (Netherlands, EPP/CD) Chairperson by acclamation;
- elected Mr Keskin (Germany, UEL) First Vice-Chairperson by acclamation;
- re-elected Mr Henderson (United Kingdom, SOC) Second Vice-Chairperson by acclamation;
- re-elected Mr Agramunt (Spain, EPP/CD) Third Vice-Chairperson by acclamation;

– ***Humanitarian consequences of the war between Georgia and Russia*** (*Rapporteur: Mrs Jonker, Netherlands, EPP/CD*): took position on the amendments proposed by the Rapporteur;

– ***Unaccompanied minors in Europe: issues of arrival, stay and return*** (*Rapporteur: Mrs Reps, Estonia, ALDE*): heard a statement by the Rapporteur;

– ***Readmission agreements: a mechanism for returning irregular migrants*** (*Rapporteur: Mrs Strik, Netherlands, SOC*): heard a statement by the Rapporteur and took note of two questionnaires;

– ***Reconstitution of the Sub-Committees***: reconstituted its three Sub-Committees: Sub-Committee on Migration, Sub-Committee on Refugees and Sub-Committee on Population.

– ***Work programme:***

Representation of the Committee at various events

- Meeting with the Bureau of the CDMG on future co-operation (Strasbourg, Thursday 29 January, from 9.00 - 9.45): encouraged interested members to take part;
- Meeting of the Special Task Force on Environment and Climate Change, organised by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (Limassol, Cyprus, 20-21 February 2009): appointed Mrs Acketoft (Sweden, ALDE), subject to the availability of funds
- Seminar on Remittances, organised by the Ministry of Finance of the Czech Republic (Prague, 24 February 2009): appointed a member of the Czech delegation, at no cost to the Assembly;
- Meeting on Migration and intercultural dialogue, organised by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (Rome, 12-14 March 2009): appointed a member of the Bureau of the Committee, subject to the availability of funds.

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Director General in the Secretariat of the Assembly
Directors and all staff of the Secretariat of the Assembly
Secretaries of National Delegations to the Assembly
Secretaries of Political Groups of the Assembly
Secretary General of the Congress
Directors General
Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe
Director of Communication
Secretary of the Committee of Ministers
Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe

• **ON 28 JANUARY 2009, AT 2.00 PM**, with first Mr Henderson (United Kingdom, SOC) and then Mrs Jonker (Netherlands, EPP/CD) in the Chair, *as regards*:

– **Humanitarian consequences of the war between Georgia and Russia** (*Rapporteur: Mrs Jonker, Netherlands, EPP/CD*): took position on the amendments to the draft resolution and to the draft recommendation;

– **Composition of the Sub-Committees**: agreed the proposed composition of its three Sub-Committees (*see appendix*);

• **ON 29 JANUARY 2008, AT 2.00 PM**, with Mrs Jonker (Netherlands, EPP/CD) in the Chair, *as regards*:

– **Environmentally induced migration and displacement : a 21st century challenge** (*Rapporteur: Mrs Acketoft, Sweden, ALDE*): took position on the amendments to the draft resolution and to the draft recommendation;

– **Migration in Europe: a constant challenge** (*Rapporteur: Mrs Fiala, Switzerland, ALDE*): heard a statement by the Rapporteur and agreed to modify the title as follows “Migrants and Refugees: a continuing challenge for the Council of Europe”;

– **Solving property issues of refugees and displaced persons**: appointed Mr Poulsen (Denmark, ALDE) Rapporteur in replacement of Mr Dendias (Greece, EPP/CD), who had resigned;

– **Follow-up to the Assembly debate on the Humanitarian consequences of the war between Georgia and Russia**: appointed Mrs Jonker (Netherlands, EPP/CD) as Rapporteur to continue her work and authorised her to visit South Ossetia (subject to the availability of funds), if a report is referred to the Committee by the Assembly;

– **Work programme: Representation of the Committee at various events**:

- Conference on International Dialogue on Migration, organised by the IOM (Geneva, 25-26 March 2009) : appointed its Chair, subject to the availability of funds;

– **Next meetings**: heard a statement by its chair on the draft programme of the meeting which will take place in The Hague on 26-27 March 2009 and decided to hold its next meetings as follows:

- The Hague (Netherlands), 26-27 March 2009
- Strasbourg, during the 2nd part of the session 2009 (27-30 April 2009)
- Paris, 27 May 2009 (*to be confirmed*)
- Strasbourg, during the 3rd part of the session 2009 (22-26 June 2009)
- Strasbourg, during the 4th part of the session 2009 (28 September-2 October 2009)
- Brussels, 2-3 November 2009 (*to be confirmed and subject to authorisation by the Bureau*)
- Paris, 9-10 December 2009 (*to be confirmed*)

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The Sub-Committee on Migration, meeting in Strasbourg on 29 January 2009, with first Mrs Jonker (Netherlands, EPP/CD) and then Mr Çavuşoğlu (Turkey, EDG) in the Chair, *as regards*:

- **Election of the Sub-Committee's Bureau**: re-elected Mr Çavuşoğlu (Turkey, EDG) Chairperson by acclamation and elected Mrs Acketoft, Vice-Chairperson by acclamation;

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

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The Sub-Committee on Refugees, meeting in Strasbourg on 29 January 2009, with first Mrs Jonker (Netherlands, EPP/CD) and then Mrs Fiala (Switzerland, ALDE) in the Chair, *as regards*:

- **Election of the Sub-Committee's Bureau:** elected Mrs Fiala (Switzerland, ALDE) Chairperson by acclamation and elected Mr Choqe (United Kingdom, EDG) Vice-Chairperson by acclamation;
- **Next meeting:**
 - Strasbourg, 19-20 February 2009: participation in the French Red Cross Seminar (this meeting is open to all members of the Plenary Committee)

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The Sub-Committee on Population, meeting in Strasbourg on 29 January 2009, with Mrs Jonker (Netherlands, EPP/CD), *as regards*:

- **Election of the Sub-Committee's Bureau:** re-elected Mrs Hajibayli (Azerbaijan, EPP/CD) Chairperson by acclamation and decided to elect its Vice-Chair at its next meeting;
- **Next meeting:** left it to its Chair to decide the date and the place of the next meeting.

Mark Neville, Ivi Odrats, Carl Ekström

APPENDIX / ANNEXE

RECONSTITUTION OF THE SUB-COMMITTEES / RECONSTITUTION DES SOUS-COMMISSIONS

Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population
Commission des migrations, des réfugiés et de la population

1. Sub-Committee on Migration / *Sous-commission des migrations*

28 seats / sièges

Chairperson / Président:

1. Turkey / Turquie Mr Mevlüt ÇAVUŞOĞLU, EDG Mrs Özlem TÜRKÖNE, EPP

Vice-Chairperson / Vice-Président:

2. Sweden / Suède Mrs Tina ACKETOFT, ALDE Mr Göran LINDBLAD, EPP

COUNTRY / PAYS	MEMBER / MEMBRE	ALTERNATE / REMPLACANT
3. Austria / Autriche	Mr Franz Eduard KÜHNEL, EPP	
4. Azerbaijan / Azerbaïdjan	Mr Aydin MIRZAZADA, EDG	
5. Belgium / Belgique	M. Daniel DUCARME, ADLE	Mme Miet SMET, PPE
6. Czech Republik / République tchèque	Mr Walter BARTOŠ, EDG	
7. Denmark / Danemark	Mrs Pernille FRAHM, UEL	Mr Jørgen POULSEN, ALDE
8. Estonia / Estonie	Mrs Mailis REPS, ALDE	
9. Finland / Finlande	Mr Jaako LAAKSO, UEL	
10. France	M. Denis JACQUAT, PPE	
11. France	M. André SCHNEIDER, PPE	M. Paul GIACOBBI
12. Germany / Allemagne	Mr Christoph STRÄSSER, SOC	Mrs Angelika GRAF, SOC
13. Greece / Grèce	Mr Dimitrios STAMATIS, EPP	Mr Ioannis BANIAS, UEL
14. Italy / Italie	M Giacomo STUCCHI, GDE	M. Pasquale NESSA, PPE
15. Latvia / Lettonie	Mr Boriss CILEVIČS, SOC	
16. Luxembourg	M. Norbert HAUPERT, PPE	
17. Malta / Malte	Mr Francis AGIUS, EPP	Mr Joseph DEBONO GRECH, SOC
18. Netherlands / Pays-Bas	Mr Tuur ELZINGA, UEL	Mrs Tineke STRIK, SOC
19. Poland / Pologne	Mr Tadeusz IWINSKI, SOC	Mr Bronislaw KORFANTY, EDG
20. Portugal	M. Telmo CORREIA, GDE	Mme Ana Catarina MENDONÇA, SOC
21. Russian Federation / Fédération de Russie	Mr Valeriy FEDOROV, EDG	
22. Serbia / Serbie	Ms Donka BANOVIĆ, EPP	
23. Spain / Espagne	Mr Gabino PUCHE, PPE	Mr Pedro AGRAMUNT, EPP
24. Spain / Espagne	M. Arcadio DÍAZ TEJERA, SOC	M. Gonzalo ROBLES OROZCO, PPE
25. Switzerland / Suisse	M. André BUGNON, ADLE	Mme Doris FIALA, ADLE
26. "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" / "l'Ex-République yougoslave de Madédoine"	Mr Andrej ZERNOVSKI, ALDE	
27. United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni	Mr Doug HENDERSON, SOC	Mrs Claire CURTIS-THOMAS, SOC
28. United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni	Mr John GREENWAY, EDG	Mr Michael HANCOCK, ALDE

Ex-officio: Mrs Corien JONKER, Netherlands/Pays,Bas, EPP, Chair of the Committee / Présidente de la Commission

2. Sub-Committee on Refugees / Sous-commission des réfugiés
28 seats / sièges

Chairperson / Président:

1. *Switzerland / Suisse* Mme Doris FIALA, ADLE M. André BUGNON, ADLE

Vice-Chairperson / Vice-Président:

2. *United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni* Mr Christopher CHOPE, EDG Mrs Claire CURTIS-THOMAS, SOC

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3. <i>Armenia / Arménie</i>	Mr Davit HARUTIUNYAN, EDG	Mrs Hermine NAGHDALYAN, ALDE
4. <i>Austria / Autriche</i>	Mrs Gisela WURM, SOC	
5. <i>Azerbaijan / Azerbaïdjan</i>	Mrs Gultakin HAJIBAYLI, EPP	Mr Samad SEYIDOV, EDG
6. <i>Belgium / Belgique</i>	Mr Geert LAMBERT, SOC	M. Paul WILLE, ADLE
7. <i>Bulgaria / Bulgarie</i>	Mr Mitko DIMITROV, NR	
8. <i>Cyprus / Chypre</i>	Mr Andros KYPRIANOU, UEL	M. Fidas SARIKAS, SOC
9. <i>Czech Republic / République tchèque</i>	Mr Tomáš JIRSA, GDE	
10. <i>Denmark / Danemark</i>	Mr Jørgen POULSEN, ALDE	Mrs Pernille FRAHM, UEL
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12. <i>Finland / Finlande</i>	Mr Jaako LAAKSO, UEL	
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14. <i>Germany / Allemagne</i>	Mrs Angelika GRAF, SOC	Mr Bernd HEYNEMANN, EPP
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19. <i>Lithuania / Lituanie</i>	Mr Arminas LYDEKA, ALDE	
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28. <i>United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni</i>	Mr Michael HANCOCK, ALDE	Mr Bill ETHERINGTON, SOC

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Lord Donald ANDERSON, SOC

United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni

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4. <i>Belgium / Belgique</i>	M. Paul WILLE, ADLE	Mr Geert LAMBERT, SOC
5. <i>Bulgaria / Bulgarie</i>	M. Younal LOUTFI, ADLE	
6. <i>Cyprus / Chypre</i>	Mr Andros KYPRIANOU, UEL	M. Fidias SARIKAS, SOC
7. <i>Czech Republic / République tchèque</i>	Ms Daniela FILIPIOVÁ, EDG	
8. <i>Finland / Finlande</i>	Mr Reijo KALLIO, SOC	
9. <i>France</i>	M. Bernard FOURNIER, PPE	M. Jean-Claude FRÉCON, SOC
10. <i>Germany / Allemagne</i>	Mr Bernd HEYNEMANN, EPP	Mrs Veronika BELLMANN, EPP
11. <i>Greece / Grèce</i>	Mrs Liana KANELLI, UEL	Mr Ioannis GIANNELLIS-THEODOSIADIS, EPP
12. <i>Italy/ Italie</i>	M Marco ZACCHERA, GDE	M. Roberto ANTONIONE, NR
13. <i>Luxembourg</i>	Mr Jean HUSS, SOC	
14. <i>Malta / Malte</i>	Mr Francis AGIUS, EPP	Mr Joseph DEBONO GRECH, SOC
15. <i>Netherlands / Pays-Bas</i>	Mr Pieter OMTZIGT, EPP	
16. <i>Poland / Pologne</i>	Mr Michał WOJTCZAK, EPP	
17. <i>Portugal</i>	Mr Jorge MACHADO, UEL	
18. <i>Romania / Roumanie</i>	M. Cezar Florin PREDA, PPE	
19. <i>Spain / Espagne</i>	M. Jordi XUCLÀ i COSTA, ADLE	M. Gonzalo ROBLES OROZCO, PPE
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