



SECRETARIAT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

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

**Synopsis** AS/MIG/2009/CB/02

30 March 2009

**The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population**, meeting in The Hague (Netherlands) on 26 and 27 March 2009, with Mrs Jonker (Netherlands, EPP/CD) in the chair,

*as regards:*

– **Hearing on forced return of migrants, challenges in the Netherlands:** participated in the hearing, with the participation, *inter alia*, of:

- Mrs N. ALBAYRAK, State Secretary of Justice of the Netherlands
- Mrs M. de BOER-BUQUICCHIO, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe
- Mr R.F.M. LUBBERS, former United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and former Prime Minister of the Netherlands
- Mrs R. MAAS, General Manager, Repatriation and Departure Service, Dutch Ministry of Justice
- Mr J. WIENEN, Mayor of Katwijk, Vice-Chair, Platform Asylum and Migration
- Mr P. van KRIEKEN, Webster University, Leiden
- Mr N. HASPELS, Secretary, Commission on Return Supervision

– **Hearing on assisted voluntary return of migrants, challenges in the Netherlands:** participated in the hearing, with the participation, *inter alia*, of:

- Mr W. STEVENS, Head of the Unit Asylum, Reception and Return, Migration Policy Department, Ministry of Justice of the Netherlands
- Mr J.C.H. van der AALST, Chief of Mission, IOM, Netherlands
- Mr S. CHAM KAN, Specialist on assisted voluntary return, IOM, Geneva
- Mr E. HUIZING, General Manager, *Vluchtelingenwerk Nederland* (Dutch Refugee Council)

– **Humanitarian consequences of the war between Georgia and Russia: follow-up to be given to Resolution 1648 (2009)** (*Rapporteur: Mrs Jonker, Netherlands, EPP/CD*): with Mr Henderson (United Kingdom, SOC) in the chair, considered and approved a draft report and adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation, as amended;

– **Work programme:**

**a. Appointment of a rapporteur:**

- *Protecting the human rights of long-term displaced persons in Europe:* appointed Mr Greenway (United Kingdom, EDG) and authorised him to visit the Caucasus in the framework of the preparation of his report (subject to the availability of funds);

cc. Secretary General of the Assembly  
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

**b. Extension of reference:**

- *Improving the quality and consistency of asylum decisions in the Council of Europe Member States (Rapporteur: Mr Cilevičs, Latvia, SOC):* decided to request its Chair to ask the Bureau to extend the validity of the reference until 31 October 2009;
- **Next meetings:** decided to hold its next meetings as follows:
  - Strasbourg, during the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the session 2009 (27-30 April 2009)
  - Paris, 27 May 2009 (*to be confirmed*)
  - Strasbourg, during the 3<sup>rd</sup> part of the session 2009 (22-26 June 2009)
  - Strasbourg, during the 4<sup>th</sup> 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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