



SECRETARIAT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

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

Synopsis AS/MIG/2010/CB/01

3 February 2010

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population, meeting in Strasbourg, on 26 and 28 January 2010,

• **ON TUESDAY, 26 JANUARY, AT 2.00 PM**, with first Mr Bender (Poland, EDG), senior member present, and then Mr Greenway (United Kingdom, EDG) in the Chair, *as regards*:

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

- elected Mr Greenway (United Kingdom, EDG) Chairperson by acclamation;
- elected Mr Santini (Italy, EPP/CD) First Vice-Chairperson by acclamation;
- elected Mr Iwiński (Poland, SOC) Second Vice-Chairperson by acclamation;
- elected Mrs Acketoft (Sweden, ALDE) Third Vice-Chairperson by acclamation;

– ***Reconstitution and composition of the sub-committees:*** reconstituted its three sub-committees (Sub-Committee on Migration, Sub-Committee on Refugees and Sub-Committee on Population) and agreed their composition (see appendix);

– ***The interception and rescue at sea of asylum seekers, refugees and irregular migrants*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Díaz Tejera, Spain, SOC*): heard a statement by the rapporteur;

– ***The impact of the global economic crisis on migration in Europe*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Agramunt, Spain, EPP/CD*): considered an outline for the report and held an exchange of views;

– ***Missing persons:*** heard an intervention by Mr Siméon Antoulas, Diplomatic Adviser, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC);

• **ON THURSDAY, 28 JANUARY, AT 8H30 AM**, with Mr Greenway in the Chair, *as regards*:

– ***The detention of asylum seekers and irregular migrants in Europe*** (*Rapporteur: Mrs Mendonça, Portugal, SOC*): took position on amendments to the draft resolution;

– ***Solving property issues of refugees and displaced persons*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Poulsen, Denmark, ALDE*): took position on amendments to the draft resolution;

– ***Readmission agreements: a mechanism for returning irregular migrants*** (*Rapporteur: Mrs Strik, Netherlands, SOC*): heard a statement by the Rapporteur, approved a draft report, adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation and agreed the recommendation of the Rapporteur to invite the Bureau to consider inviting Mrs Nebahat Albayrak, Dutch State Secretary for Justice, to address the Assembly when the report is presented;

cc: Secretary General and secretariat of the Assembly
Secretaries of National Delegations and of Political Groups of the Assembly
Observers to the Assembly
Secretary General of the Congress
Directors General
Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe
Secretary to the Committee of Ministers
Director of Communication
Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe

– **Migrants and refugees: a continuing challenge for the Council of Europe** (*Rapporteur: Mrs Fiala, Switzerland, ALDE*): considered a preliminary draft report, held an exchange of views and decided to consider the report for approval at its next meeting in Paris;

– **Developments in national parliaments relating to the Committee's work**: held an exchange of views and asked its members to find ways of improving the visibility of its work in their respective parliaments;

– **Work programme:**

➤ Appointment of a rapporteur:
Roma asylum seekers in the Council of Europe Member States: appointed Mr Pupovac (Croatia, SOC)

➤ Representation of the Committee at various events:

- Appointments:

Meeting of the CDMG (Strasbourg, 10-12 February 2010): appointed Mrs Strik (Netherlands, SOC), subject to the availability of funds;

- Statement:

Ad Hoc Committee to take part in the Conference on "Migration and violence against women" (Paris, 10-11 December 2009): heard a statement by Mr Zernovski ("The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", ALDE);

● **ON THURSDAY, 28 JANUARY, AT 2.00 PM**, with Mr Greenway in the Chair,

– held an exchange of views with **Ambassador Wolfgang Petritsch**, former High Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina;

and, as regards:

– **Human rights implications for voluntary return policies and programme for irregular migrants** (*Rapporteur: Mrs Türköne, Turkey, EPP/CD*): heard a statement by the Rapporteur;

– **The humanitarian consequences of the war between Georgia and Russia** (*Rapporteur: Mrs Jonker, Netherlands, EPP/CD*): took note of the reply from the Committee of Ministers to Recommendation 1857 (2009), heard a statement by the Rapporteur and authorised her to carry out a fact-finding visit to Georgia, including the regions of South Ossetia and Abkhazia;

– **Representation of the Committee at various events**: heard a statement by Mrs Acketoft (Sweden, ALDE) on her participation in the *COP15 Climate change Conference Copenhagen 2009 – Conference on "Climate Change and Migration: Transformations or Humanitarian Crises"* (in the framework of "Development and climate days" - Copenhagen, 12 December 2009);

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

- Paris, 30-31 March 2010
- Strasbourg, during the Second part-session of the Assembly (26-30 April 2010)
- Brussels, May 2010 (to be confirmed)
- Strasbourg, during the Third part-session of the Assembly (21-25 June 2010)
- Strasbourg, during the Fourth part-session of the Assembly (4-8 October 2010)
- Paris, 7-8 December 2010 (to be confirmed)

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The Sub-Committee on Migration, meeting in Strasbourg on 28 January 2010, with Mr Greenway (United Kingdom, PPE/CD) in the Chair, *as regards*:

- **Election of the Sub-Committee's Bureau:** elected Mr Dendias (Greece, EPP/CD) Chairperson by acclamation and elected Mrs Reps (Estonia, ALDE) Vice-Chairperson by acclamation;
- **Next meeting:** left it to its Chair to convene the next meeting.

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The Sub-Committee on Refugees, meeting in Strasbourg on 28 January 2010, with Mr Greenway in the Chair, *as regards*

- **Election of the Sub-Committee's Bureau:** re-elected Mrs Fiala (Switzerland, 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 Population, meeting in Strasbourg on 28 January 2010, with Mr Greenway in the Chair, *as regards*

- **Election of the Sub-Committee's Bureau:** elected Mrs Türköne (Turkey, EPP/CD) Chairperson by acclamation and elected Mr Kallio (Finland, SOC) Vice-Chairperson by acclamation;
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- **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
Composition of the Sub-Committees

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

Chairperson / Président:

1. Mr Nikolaos DENDIAS, EPP GREECE / GRÈCE Ms Anna NTALARA, SOC

Vice-Chairperson / Vice-Président:

2. Mrs Mailis REPS, ALDE ESTONIA / ESTONIE

COUNTRY / PAYS	MEMBER / MEMBRE	ALTERNATE / REMPLACANT
3. ARMENIE / ARMENIA	Mme Naira ZOHRABYAN, ADLE	Mrs Hermine NAGHDALYAN, ALDE
4. AUSTRIA / AUTRICHE	Mr Franz Eduard KÜHNEL, EPP	Mr Alexander van der BELLEN, NR
5. AZERBAIJAN / AZERBAÏDJAN	Mr Aydin MIRZAZADA, EDG	
6. BELGIUM / BELGIQUE	M. Daniel DUCARME, ADLE	Mrs Elke TINDEMANS, EPP
7. BULGARIA / BULGARIE	Mr Stanislav IVANOV, EPP	
8. CYPRUS / CHYPRE	Mr Aristophanes GEORGIU, UEL	Mr Fidias SARIKAS, SOC
9. CZECH REPUBLIC / RÉPUBLIQUE TCHÈQUE	Mr Walter BARTOŠ, EDG	
10. DENMARK / DANEMARK	Mrs Pernille FRAHM, UEL	Mr Jørgen POULSEN, ALDE
11. FINLAND / FINLANDE	Mr Jaakko LAAKSO, UEL	
12. FRANCE	M. Denis JACQUAT, PPE	M. Paul GIACOBBI, SOC
13. GERMANY / ALLEMAGNE	Mrs Anette GROTH, UEL	
14. IRELAND / IRLANDE	Mr Ronan MULLER, NR	Mr Peter KELLY, ALDE
15. ITALY / ITALIE	M Giacomo STUCCHI, GDE	M. Pasquale NESSA, PPE
16. LATVIA / LETTONIE	Mr Boriss CILEVIČS, SOC	
17. LITHUANIA / LITUANIE	Mr Arminas LYDEKA, ALDE	
18. LUXEMBOURG	M. Norbert HAUPERT, PPE	
19. MALTA / MALTE	Mr Francis AGIUS, EPP	Mr Joseph DEBONO GRECH, SOC
20. NETHERLANDS / PAYS-BAS	Mr Tuur ELZINGA, UEL	Mrs Corien W.A. JONKER, EPP
21. POLAND / POLOGNE	Mr Tadeusz IWINSKI, SOC	Mr Bronislaw KORFANTY, EDG
22. ROMANIA / ROUMANIE	M. Cezar Florin PREDA, EPP	Mr Titus CORLĂȚEAN, SOC
23. RUSSIAN FEDERATION / FEDERATION DE RUSSIE	Mr Valeriy FEDOROV, EDG	
24. SPAIN / ESPAGNE	M. Arcadio DÍAZ TEJERA, SOC	M. Gonzalo ROBLES OROZCO, PPE
25. SWEDEN / SUEDE	Mrs Tina ACKETOFT, ALDE	Mr Göran LINDBLAD EPP
26. SWITZERLAND / SUISSE	M. André BUGNON, ADLE	Mme Doris FIALA, ADLE
27. TURKEY / TURQUIE	Mrs Özlem TÜRKÖNE, EPP	
28. ROYAUME-UNI / UNITED KINGDOM	Mr Doug HENDERSON, SOC	Mrs Claire CURTIS-THOMAS, SOC

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

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23. SERBIA / SERBIE	Mr Branko RUŽIĆ, SOC	
24. SPAIN / ESPAGNE	M. Pedro AGRAMUNT, PPE	M. Gabino PUCHE, PPE
25. SWEDEN / SUÈDE	Mr Michael HAGBERG, SOC	
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3. Sub-Committee on Population / Sous-commission de la population

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6. <i>CZECH REPUBLIC / RÉPUBLIQUE TCHÈQUE</i>	Ms Daniela FILIPIOVÁ, EDG	
7. <i>FRANCE</i>	M. Bernard FOURNIER, PPE	Mme Maryvonne BLONDIN, SOC
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