



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

**Synopsis** AS/MIG/2010/CB/02

1 April 2010

**The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population**, meeting in Paris, on 30 March 2010, with Mr Greenway (United Kingdom, EDG) in the chair, as regards:

- ***The impact of the global economic crisis on migration in Europe*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Agramunt, Spain, EPP/CD*): approved a draft report and adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation;
- ***Migrants and refugees: a continuing challenge for the Council of Europe*** (*Rapporteur: Ms Fiala, Switzerland, ALDE*): held an exchange of views with Mr Khalid KOSER, Expert on migration issues, Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP), approved a draft report and adopted a draft recommendation, as amended ;
- ***The situation of Roma in Europe and relevant activities of the Council of Europe*** (*Rapporteur for opinion: Ms Memecan, Turkey, ALDE*): approved a draft opinion, as amended ;
- ***Roma asylum seekers in Council of Europe Member States*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Pupovac, Croatia, SOC*): in the absence of the Rapporteur, authorised him to make a fact-finding visit to Kosovo<sup>1</sup> and to Germany, subject to the availability of funds;
- ***Asylum and Gender-based persecution*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Zernovski, "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", ALDE*): heard a statement by the Rapporteur, considered an outline for the report and authorised him to make a fact-finding visit to Geneva, subject to the availability of funds;
- ***Sub-Committees***: approved the following changes:
  - ***Sub-Committee on Migration***: Ms Strik (Netherlands, SOC) as member (alternate: Mr Elzinga (Netherlands, SOC));
  - ***Sub-Committee on Population***: Ms Graf (Germany, SOC) and Ms Memecan (Turkey, ALDE) as members;
- ***Work programme***:
  - ***Appointment of rapporteurs***:
    - Measures to improve the democratic character of elections in Council of Europe Member States (for opinion): appointed Mr Greenway (United Kingdom, EDG);
  - ***Representation of the Committee at various events***
    - ***Appointments***:
      - . 58<sup>th</sup> meeting of the CDMG (Strasbourg, 10-12 May 2010): appointed Mr Greenway (United Kingdom, EDG) or Mr Lindblad (Sweden, EPP/CD), subject to the availability of funds;

<sup>1</sup> All reference to Kosovo, whether to the territory, institutions or population, in this text shall be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.

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

. Roundtable on Sustainable solutions for displaced Roma (Belgrade, 16 April 2010): appointed Mr Pupovac (Croatia, SOC), subject to the availability of funds;

– **Developments in national parliaments relating to the Committee's work:** held an exchange of views;

– **Developments in international organisations relating to migrants, refugees and displaced persons:** held an exchange of views with:

- Mr Jean-Pierre GARSON, Head of the Division on non-member economies and international migration, OECD
- Mr Khalid KOSER, Expert on migration issues, Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP)
- Mr Antoine PECOUD, International Migration Section, UNESCO
- Mr Apolonio RUIZ LIGERO, Vice-Governor, Development Bank of the Council of Europe (CEB);

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

Plenary Committee:

- Strasbourg, during the Second part-session 2010 (26-30 April 2010)
- Brussels, 18 May 2010
- Strasbourg, during the Third part-session 2010 (21-25 June 2010)
- Strasbourg, during the Fourth part-session 2010 (4-8 October 2010)
- Paris, 7-8 December 2010 (to be confirmed)

Sub-committees:

- Sub-Committee on Migration:  
Lisbon (Portugal), June 2010 (to be confirmed and subject to authorisation by the Bureau)
- Sub-Committee on Refugees:  
Strasbourg, during the 2nd part-session 2010

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**The Sub-Committee on Population**, meeting in Paris on 31 March 2010, with Ms Türköne (Turkey, EPP/CD) in the Chair, *as regards*:

– **The demographic future of Europe and migration** (*Rapporteur: Ms Hajibayli, Azerbaijan, EPP/CD*): organised a hearing, with the participation of:

- Mr Neil DATTA, European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development
- Mr Said DARWANE, National Association of Independent Trade Unions (UNSA)
- Mr Thomas GAMMELTOFT-HANSEN, Danish Institute of International Studies (DIIS) Copenhagen
- Prof. Jan LATTEN, Central Bureau of Statistics of the Netherlands/ University of Amsterdam
- Ms Siri TELLIER, General Rapporteur
- Mr Andres VIKAT, UN Economic Commission for Europe

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

Mark Neville, Ivi Odrats, Carl Ekström