



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

Synopsis AS/MIG/2010/CB/04

20 May 2010

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population, meeting in Paris, on 18 May 2010, with Mr Santini (Italy, EPP/CD) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Voluntary return programmes: an effective, humane and cost effective mechanism for returning irregular migrants** (*Rapporteur: Ms Türköne, Turkey, EPP/CD*): approved a draft report, adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation, as amended;
- **Roma asylum seekers in Council of Europe Member States** (*Rapporteur: Mr Pupovac, Croatia, SOC*): considered a preliminary draft report, heard a statement by the rapporteur and decided to consider the report for approval at its next meeting, during the June part-session of the Assembly;
- **Asylum and gender-based persecution** (*Rapporteur: Mr Zernovski, "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", ALDE*): heard a statement by the rapporteur and considered a preliminary draft report;
- **Unaccompanied minors in Europe: issues of arrival, stay and return** (*Rapporteur: Ms Reps, Estonia, ALDE*): heard a statement by the rapporteur on a questionnaire sent to the European Center for Parliamentary Research (ECPRD) network, in the framework of the preparation of the report;
- **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 and authorised him to carry out a fact-finding visit to Poland (headquarters of FRONTEX), and to Portugal, subject to the availability of funds;
- **Exchange of views on migration policies**: held an exchange of views with Ms Michèle LE VOY, Director, Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (PICUM);
- **Council of Europe Forum for the Future of Democracy (Yerevan, 19-20 October 2010)**: decided to come back to this matter at its next meeting.
- **Appointment of rapporteurs:**
 - The need for reinforced protection of rights of migrant women: decided to return to this matter at its next meeting;
 - [*with Mr Iwinski (Poland, SOC) in the Chair*]
Demographic winter and the future of Europe: decided to return to this matter at its next meeting;
- **Participation of members of the Committee in various events:**
 - Regional Conference Providing access of Roma to personal identification documents (Skopje, 14-15 June 2010): appointed Mr Pupovac (Croatia, SOC), at no cost to the Assembly

cc: Secretary General and secretariat of the Assembly
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Secretary to the Committee of Ministers
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- **Arizona Senate Bill 1070:** took note of an exchange of letters between Mr Vega de Lamadrid, member of the Mexican delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly, and the President of the Assembly concerning this new legislation;
- **Next meetings:** decided to hold its next meetings as follows:

Plenary Committee:

- Strasbourg, during the third part-session 2010 (21-25 June 2010)
- “The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, 16-17 September 2010 (to be confirmed and subject to authorisation by the Bureau)
- Strasbourg, during the Fourth part-session 2010 (4-8 October 2010)
- Paris, 7-8 December 2010 (to be confirmed)

Sub-Committee on Migration:

- Lisbon (Portugal), 31 May – 1 June 2010 – participation in the Conference on Human rights and migration.

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