



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

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10 October 2011

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population, meeting in Strasbourg, on 3, 4 and 6 October 2011, with Mr Christopher Chope (United Kingdom, EDG) in the Chair,

- **ON MONDAY 3 OCTOBER 2011, from 2 to 3pm, as regards:**
 - ***What can Europe do in the aftermath of natural disasters and crisis situations: the examples of Haiti and Afghanistan*** (*Rapporteur for opinion: Mr André Bugnon, Switzerland, ALDE*): heard a statement by the Rapporteur and approved an opinion;
 - ***Ad Hoc Sub-Committee on the large-scale arrival of irregular migrants, asylum seekers and refugees on Europe's Southern shores***: heard a statement by Mr Christopher Chope, Chair of the Sub-Committee, and decided to declassify the report on the visit of the Sub-Committee to Lampedusa (23-24 May 2011);
 - ***The situation of IDPs and returnees in the North Caucasus region*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Nikolaos Dendias, Greece, EPP/CD*): heard a statement by the Rapporteur on his fact-finding visit to Moscow and to the North Caucasus region (19-24 September 2011) and held an exchange of views;
- **ON TUESDAY 4 OCTOBER 2011, from 2 to 3pm, as regards:**
 - ***Follow-up on the humanitarian consequences of the war between Georgia and Russia: the humanitarian situation in the war-affected areas*** (*Rapporteur: Ms Tina Acketoft, Sweden, ALDE*): heard a statement from the Rapporteur concerning her fact-finding visit to Georgia (20-22 September 2011) and authorised her to carry out two new visits to the Georgian regions of Abkhazia and South-Ossetia;
 - ***The portrayal of migrants and refugees during election campaigns*** (*Rapporteur: Ms Daphné Dumery, Belgium, NR*): heard a statement by the Rapporteur on her fact-finding visits to Denmark and to Sweden (31 August – 2 September 2011), considered a draft memorandum and held an exchange of views;
 - ***The situation of Roma in Europe: movement and migration*** (*Rapporteur: Ms Groth, Germany, UEL*): heard a statement by the Rapporteur and held an exchange of views with Mr Sixto MOLINA, Head of the Support Team to the Special Representative of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe for Roma Issues ;

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Directors General
Special Representative of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe for Organisational Development and Reform
Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe
Director of the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights
Director of Communication
Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe

- **ON THURSDAY 6 OCTOBER 2011, from 2 to 3pm, as regards:**
 - ***Undocumented migrant children in an irregular situation: a real cause for concern*** (Rapporteur: Mr Pedro Agramunt, Spain, EPP/CD): took position on the amendments tabled to the draft recommendation;
 - **Work programme:**
 - **Appointment of rapporteurs** (for report):
 - Trafficking of migrant workers for forced labour: time for a closer look (former Rapporteur: Mr Andrej Zernovski, « The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia », ALDE): appointed **Mr Titus Corlăţean** (Romania, SOC) and heard from him a statement concerning the absence of conflict of interest;
 - Integration of migrants: is Europe failing?: appointed **Ms Sandra Osborne** (United Kingdom, SOC) and heard from her a statement concerning the absence of conflict of interest;
 - Integration tests for migrants: a step forward or back?: appointed **Ms Tineke Strik** (Netherlands, SOC);
 - **Representation of the Committee at various events:**
 - Hearing on a Common European asylum system, organised by the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs of the European Parliament (Brussels, 20 October 2011): appointed **Ms Tina Acketoft** (Sweden, ALDE), subject to the availability of funds;
 - Regional Conference on Statelessness, organised by UNHCR, OSCE, the EU and the Government of Croatia (Zagreb, 26-27 October 2011): appointed **Mr Milorad Pupovac** (Croatia, SOC) or, as substitute, Mr Jørgen Poulsen (Denmark, ALDE), at no cost to the Assembly;
 - Meeting on Challenges faced by young refugees and asylum seekers in accessing their social rights and their integration, while in transition to adulthood, organised by the European Youth Centre (Strasbourg, 17-18 November 2011): appointed **Mr Mailis Reps** (Estonia, ALDE), subject to the availability of funds;
 - 2nd meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee of Experts for Roma issues (CAHROM) (Istanbul, 22-25 November 2011): appointed **Ms Annette Groth** (Germany, UEL), subject to the availability of funds;
 - International Conference on Undocumented Migrant Women, organised by PICUM (Brussels, 12-13 December 2011): appointed **Ms Tülin Erkal Kara** (Turkey, EPP/CD), subject to the availability of funds;
 - ***Demographic trends in Europe: turning challenges into opportunities*** (Rapporteur: Ms Nursuna Memecan, Turkey, ALDE): item postponed;
 - ***Lives lost in the Mediterranean sea: who is responsible?*** (Rapporteur: Ms Tineke Strik, Netherlands, SOC): in the absence of the Rapporteur, heard a statement by Mr Giacomo Santini (Italy, EPP/CD) on the Rapporteur's fact-finding visit to Rome (6-7 September 2011);
 - ***Recommendation 1975 (2011): Living together in 21st-Century Europe: follow-up to the report of the Group of Eminent Persons of the Council of Europe:*** considered an information note prepared by the secretariat on possible proposals for action, regarding paragraph 14.4. of Recommendation 1975 (2011) and decided to come back to the item at its next meeting;
 - ***Replies from the Committee of Ministers to texts adopted by the Assembly presented by the Committee*** : considered the replies to the following Recommendations:
 - Rec. 1940 (2010) on Gender-related claims for asylum;
 - Rec. 1941 (2010) on Roma asylum seekers in Europe and decided to share the rapporteur's comments with the Commissioner for Human Rights and the Special Representative of the Secretary General for Roma Issues;

- **Membership of sub-committees:** approved the following change:
Ad Hoc Sub-Committee on the large-scale arrival of irregular migrants, asylum seekers and refugees on Europe's Southern shores:
Ms Doris Fiala (Switzerland, ALDE) to become an alternate member (ALDE titular member: Ms Tina Acketoft, Sweden);
- **Other business:**
 - decided to ask the Bureau to be seized for an opinion on the report *on Muslim women in Europe: for equal opportunities* (reporting Committee: Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men);
 - decided to declassify the video recording of the Hearing on "Children of undocumented migrants: witnesses to problems and action required" (Strasbourg, 4 October 2011);
- **Next meetings:** decided to hold its next meetings as follows:
 - **Paris**, 29-30 November 2011
 - **Strasbourg**, during the 1st part-session 2012 (23-27 January 2012)
 - **Paris**, 23 March 2012 (to be confirmed)
 - **Strasbourg**, during the 2nd part-session 2012 (23-27 April 2012)
 - **Paris**, 31 May 2012 (to be confirmed)
 - **Strasbourg**, during the 3rd part-session 2012 (25-29 June 2012)
 - **Paris**, 11 September 2012 (to be confirmed)
 - **Strasbourg**, during the 4th part-session 2012 (1-5 October 2012)
 - **Paris**, 4 December 2012 (to be confirmed).

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The Sub-Committee on Migration, meeting in Strasbourg, on 4 October 2011, from 8.30 to 10am, with Mr Nikolaos Dendias (Greece, EPP/CD) in the chair, *as regards*:

- **"Children of undocumented migrants: witnesses to problems and action required" - Joint hearing of the Sub-Committee of Migration and of the Sub-Committee on Children (of the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee):** took part in the hearing, with the participation, *inter alia*, of:
 - Ms Michele LEVOY, Director of the Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (PICUM)
 - Ms Bethan LANT, Praxis Community Projects, United Kingdom
 - Mr Richard MOYON, Réseau Education Sans Frontières (RESF), France
 - Ms Ksenia NARANOVICH, Fundacja Rozwoju Oprócz Granic (FROG), Poland
 - Ms Carla VAN OS, Defence for Children International, the Netherlands and witnesses for *Réseau Education Sans Frontières* (RESF), France
- **Next meeting:** left it to its Chair to convene the next meeting.

Mark Neville, Ivi-Triin Odrats, Isild Heurtin