

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

SECRETARIAT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

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The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Demography, meeting on 8 March 2002, with Mr Iwiński (Poland, SOC) in the Chair:

As regards:

- *Vocational training of young asylum seekers in host countries* (Rapporteur: Mrs Zwerver, Netherlands, SOC): approved a draft report and adopted a draft recommendation;
- *Activities of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)* (Rapporteur: Mr Slutsky, Russia, SOC): approved a draft report and adopted a draft recommendation as amended;
- *The humanitarian situation of the displaced Kurdish population in Turkey* (Rapporteur: Mr Connor, Ireland, EPP/CD): approved a draft report and adopted a draft recommendation;
- *State of the world population* (Rapporteur: Mrs Lörcher, Germany, SOC): considered a preliminary draft report;
- *Situation in the Centre of Sangatte (Calais, France)*: heard a report by the Committee's delegation [Mr Iwiński, Chairman, (Poland), Mr Agramunt (Spain), Mr Slutsky (Russia)] on its fact-finding visit (7 March 2002), held an exchange of views with Prof. Gentilini, President of the French Red Cross, Mr Mailhos, Head of Department of the Under-Directorate for Foreigners of the Ministry of the Interior, and Mrs Vilchien, Head of Department of the Directorate of Population and Migration of the Ministry for Employment and Solidarity; and instructed its Sub-Committee on Refugees to deal with this matter;
- *Conditions and reception capacities of asylum seekers in European seaports* (Rapporteur: Mr Gaber, Ukraine, SOC): heard a report by Mrs Zwerver on her visit to Bruges (31 January 2002), authorised Mr Gross (Switzerland, SOC) to visit the ports of Hamburg and Bremen and Mr Yáñez-Barnuevo (Spain, SOC) to visit the port of Algeciras; accepted the invitation to hold a meeting of its Sub-Committee on Refugees and co-organise a Conference on the arrival of asylum seekers at European seaports and coastal areas (Lecce, 30-31 May 2002) (together with the *ad hoc* Sub-Committee on asylum seekers in European seaports);
- *Clandestine migration from the south of the Mediterranean into Europe* (Rapporteur: Mr Mutman, Turkey, SOC): heard a statement by the Rapporteur;
- *Situation of refugees and displaced persons in Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia* (Rapporteur: Mrs Vermot-Mangold, Switzerland, SOC): took note of a memorandum;

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- *Freedom of movement in member States of the Council of Europe for holders of temporary residence permits in a member State* (Rapporteur: Mrs Aguiar, Portugal, EPP/CD): considered an outline for a report;
- *Situation of refugees and displaced persons in the Russian Federation and other CIS countries* (Rapporteur: Mr Iwiński, Poland, SOC): took note of the preliminary draft programme for the meeting to be held in Voronej (Russia) on 10-12 June 2002;
- *Appointment of Rapporteurs:*
 - Mrs Bušić (Croatia, EPP/CD) as Rapporteur on Links between Europeans living abroad and their countries of origin (Doc. 9299);
- *Appointment of representatives:*
 - Mr Tkáč (Slovakia, EDG) as representative at the European Committee on Migration (CDMG), Strasbourg, 16-18 April 2002;
 - Mrs Lörcher (Germany, SOC) as representative at the European Population Committee (CAHP), Strasbourg, 3-5 June 2002;
- *Reply of the Committee of Ministers:* took note of the reply to Recommendation 1475 (2000): Arrival of asylum seekers at European airports (Doc. 9378); and the observations made by its Rapporteur, Mr Gross (Switzerland, SOC);
- *Next meetings:* confirmed the dates and places as follows:
 - Strasbourg, during the 2nd part of the session 2002 (22-26.4.2002)
 - Lucerne, 27 May 2002 (*in the framework of the Standing Committee, 27-29 May 2002*), Plenary Committee
 - Lecce (Italy), 30-31 May 2002, Sub-Committee on Refugees and *ad hoc* Sub-Committee on asylum seekers in European seaports (*subject to authorisation by the Bureau*)
 - Voronej (Russia), 10-12 June 2002, Plenary Committee, Hearing on the humanitarian situation of refugees and displaced persons in CIS countries (*subject to authorisation by the Bureau*)
 - Strasbourg, during the 3rd part of the session 2002 (24-28.6.2002).

The Sub-Committee on Refugees, meeting in Paris on 8 March 2002, with Mr Agramunt (Spain, EPP/CD) in the Chair:

As regards:

- *Election to the Vice-Chair:* elected Mr Cilevičs (Latvia, SOC) as its Vice-Chair;
- *Situation in the Centre of Sangatte (Calais, France):* instructed its Chair to elaborate a strategic plan to be presented to the Sub-Committee during the April 2002 part-session;
- *Work programme 2002:* held an exchange of views and considered a preliminary draft programme of the meeting in Lecce (Italy, 30-31 May 2002);
- *Next meeting:* confirmed the meeting in Lecce (Italy, 30-31 May 2002) (*subject to authorisation by the Bureau*).

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