

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 in Strasbourg on 27 and 28 January 2003, first with Mr McNamara (United Kingdom, SOC), senior member present, then Mr Iwiński (Poland, SOC) in the Chair:

As regards:

- *Election of the Chairperson*: elected Mr Iwiński (Poland, SOC) as Chair;
- *Election of the Vice-Chairpersons*: elected:
 - Mr Einarsson (Sweden, UEL) as 1st Vice-Chair
 - Mrs Bušić (Croatia, EPP) as 2nd Vice-Chair
 - Mrs de Zulueta (Italy, SOC) as 3rd Vice-Chair
- *Population displacement in south-eastern Europe: trends, problems, solutions* (Rapporteur: Mrs Zwerver, Netherlands, SOC): considered amendments to the draft recommendation;
- *Evaluation of the prospects for a political solution of the conflict in the Chechen Republic* (Rapporteur for opinion: Mr Iwiński, Poland, SOC): heard a statement by and held an exchange of views with Mr Murat Zyazikov, President of Ingushetia; heard an oral report by the Rapporteur on the fact-finding visit to Chechnya (20-23 January 2003), and approved a draft opinion including two amendments to the draft resolution presented by the Political Affairs Committee;
- *Colonisation by Turkish settlers of the occupied part of Cyprus* (Rapporteur: Mr Laakso, Finland, UEL): heard an oral report by the Rapporteur on the fact-finding visit (28-30 October 2002) and held an exchange of views;
- *Fact-finding visit to Yugoslavia concerning the situation of Roma displaced population organised by the European Committee on Migration (CDMG) in the framework of the pre-accession activities (February 2003)*: authorised Mrs Zwerver, Netherlands, SOC (Rapporteur on Population displacement in south-eastern Europe: trends, problems, solutions) and Mr Cilevičs, Latvia, SOC (Rapporteur on situation of refugees and internally displaced persons in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia) to take part, without financial expenses to be borne by the Assembly;

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- *The situation of Palestinian refugees* (Rapporteur: Mr Akselsen, Norway, SOC): considered a memorandum;
- *Rights of elderly migrants* (Rapporteur: Mr Nessa, Italy, EPP): considered an outline for a report;
- decided to resume its meeting in Strasbourg 30 January 2003 (2 pm) and 31 January 2003 (8 am).

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