

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 Budapest on 5 and 6 May 2003, first with Mr Iwiński (Poland, SOC), then with Mr Einarsson (Sweden, UEL) in the Chair:

As regards:

- *Links between Europeans living abroad and their countries of origin* (Rapporteur: Mrs Bušić, Croatia, EPP/CD): held a hearing with the participation of :
 - Dr. Krisztina BERTA, Secretary of State of the Ministry of the Interior, Hungary
 - Mrs Joëlle GARRIAUD-MAYLAM, 1st Vice-Chair of the Council for French Nationals Abroad, United Kingdom, the Channel Islands and Republic of Ireland
 - Mr Andy SUNDBERG, Chairman, American Citizens Abroad
- *The situation of Palestinian refugees* (Rapporteur: Mr Akselsen, Norway, SOC): approved a draft report and adopted a draft recommendation and a draft resolution as amended;
- *Migration connected with trafficking in women and prostitution* (Rapporteur for opinion: Mrs de Zulueta, Italy, SOC): approved a draft opinion including amendments to be tabled on behalf of the Committee;
- *Internal displacement in Europe* (Rapporteur: Mrs Stoitsits, Austria, SOC): considered a preliminary draft report;
- *Rights of elderly migrants* (Rapporteur: Mr Nessa, Italy, EPP/CD): considered a preliminary draft report;
- *Migrants in irregular employment in the agricultural sector of southern European countries* (Rapporteur: Mrs de Zulueta, Italy, SOC): considered a preliminary draft report;
- *Forced returns of Roma from the former Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, including Kosovo, to Serbia and Montenegro from Council of Europe member States* (Rapporteur: Mr Einarsson, Sweden, UEL): considered an outline for a report, and authorised the Rapporteur to make a fact-finding mission to Germany if needed (*subject to the availability of budgetary means*);

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Secretary of the Committee of Ministers
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- *The situation in Chechnya* (Rapporteur: Mr Iwiński, Poland, SOC): held an exchange of views on the (possible) holding of a Round Table on humanitarian aid, assistance to displaced persons and on reconstruction prospects in the Chechen Republic, and decided to come back to this question at the next meeting;
- *Council of Europe Conference on "Migration in the Mediterranean: prospects for the future"*, St George's Bay (Malta), 10-11 April 2003: heard an oral report by Mr Yáñez-Barnuevo, Vice-Chair of the Sub-Committee on Migration;
- *A European migration observatory* (Rapporteur: Mr Iwiński, Poland, SOC): considered an outline for a report and heard an up-date of the latest developments in the European Union and the Council of Europe;
- *Colloquy on the political impact of migration flows*, organised in cooperation with the Political Affairs Committee, Athens, 10 June 2003 (*subject to authorisation by the Bureau*): set up an *ad hoc* Sub-Committee to take part in the Colloquy, composed of:

Members and alternates of the Political Affairs Committee and the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Demography :

Mr Bernik	Mr Hovhannisyan	Mr Puche
Mr van den Brande	Lord Judd	Mr Slutsky
Mr Braun	Mr Kirilov	Mr Stübgen
Mr Brunhart	Mr Kvakkestad	Mr Tabajdi
Mr Christodoulides	Mr Laakso	Mr Tekelioğlu
Mr Danieli	Mr Loutfi	Mr Vera Jardim
Mr Gross	Mr Matviychuk	Mrs de Zulueta
Mr Grzyb	Mr Oliynyk	

Bureau of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Demography and of the Sub-Committee on Migration (not members of the Political Affairs Committee) :

Mr Einarsson, 1st Vice-Chair of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Demography
 Mrs Bušić, 2nd Vice-Chair of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Demography
 Mr Wilkinson, Chair of the Sub-Committee on Migration
 Mr Yáñez-Barnuevo, Vice-Chair of the Sub-Committee on Migration

ex officio: Mr Iwiński, Chair of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Demography

Substitutes:

Mrs Zwerver, Mr Branger, Mr Le Guen, Mr Agramunt

- *Priorities and work programme 2003*: held an exchange of views;
- *Representation of the Committee at various events*: heard an oral report by Mrs Bušić on the Seminar on "Youth and Conflict Resolution", in the framework of the Democratic Leadership Programme, Round Table, Strasbourg, 2 April 2003;
- *Integration policies for immigrants in Council of Europe member States* (Rapporteur: Mrs Zwerver, Netherlands, SOC): held a Joint Hearing with the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee, with the participation of:
 - Mr Michel VILLAN, Director for Social Action and Immigrants of the Wallonian Region, Belgium, Chairman of the Council of Europe Committee of Experts on Integration and Community Relations (MG-IN)
 - Ms Heide-Marie FENZL, Former Chairperson of the European Committee on Migration (CDMG) (Council of Europe), Austria
 - Mr Henri de LARY, former Deputy Director, *Office des Migrations Internationales*, France

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– *Europe's population 2020 – challenges for social and migration policies*: held a Joint Hearing with the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee, with the participation of:

- Prof. Dr. Robert L. CLIQUET, former Chairman of the European Population Committee (CAHP)
- Mr Kalev KATUS, Director, The Estonian Interuniversity Population Research Center, Member and former Chairman of the CAHP
- Prof. Raimondo CAGIANO DE AZEVEDO, President, University of Rome 1, Italy, Member and former Chairman of the CAHP
- Prof. Werner HAUG, Vice-Director, Population and Employment Division, Swiss Federal Statistical Office, Member and former Chairman of the CAHP
- Mr András KLINGER, Demographic Committee of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Member and former Chairman of the CAHP

– *Next meetings*:

- Athens, 10 June 2003, *Ad hoc* Sub-Committee, Colloquy on the political impact of migration flows, organised in cooperation with the Political Affairs Committee (*subject to authorisation by the Bureau*)
- Strasbourg, during the 3rd part of the session 2003 (23-27.6.2003)
- Istanbul, 11-12 September 2003, *Sub-Committee on Refugees* (*subject to authorisation by the Bureau*)
- Strasbourg, during the 4th part of the session 2003 (25.9–2.10.2003)
- Brussels, 6 or 7 October 2003, Hearing on the consequences of Enlargement for the Schengen Agreement (*subject to confirmation and authorisation by the Bureau*)
- Cyprus, 20-22 October 2003 (*subject to authorisation by the Bureau*)
- Paris or Brussels*, 4-5 or 9-10 December 2003 (*subject to confirmation and *authorisation by the Bureau*).

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