

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

SECRETARIAT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

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The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population, meeting in Limassol (Cyprus) on 20-22 October 2003, with Mr Iwiński (Poland, SOC) in the Chair:

As regards:

– *First Euro-mediterranean parliamentary forum on migration*: in cooperation with the House of Representatives of the Parliament of Cyprus, held the First Euro-mediterranean parliamentary forum on migration on 20-21 October 2003, with the participation of:

- Mr George IACOVOU, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Cyprus
- Mr Andreas CHRISTOU, Minister of the Interior of Cyprus
- Mr Christos POURGOURIDES, Head of the Parliamentary Delegation of Cyprus to the Council of Europe
- Prof. Enrico TODISCO, Department of Geo-economic Studies, University of Roma, "La Sapienza"
- Mr Hubert FAUSTMANN, Intercollege Cyprus, Department of International Relations
- members of the House Standing Committee on Refugees of the Parliament of Cyprus
- members of Parliaments of Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Syria, Tunisia and of the Territories under the control of the Palestinian Authority
- Mr Christos IACOVOU, President of the Cyprus Association of Political Sciences
- Mr Takis HADJIDEMETRIOU, Co-ordinator for EU Harmonization
- Mrs Dorothee PILAVAS, German-Cypriot Forum
- Mr Niyazi KIZILYUREK, Assistant Professor, University of Cyprus
- Mr Piotr WALCZAK, Migration and Roma/Gypsies Department, Council of Europe

– *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): approved a draft report, and adopted a preliminary draft recommendation, as amended;

– *Access to assistance and protection for asylum seekers at European seaports and coastal areas* (Rapporteur: Mr Danieli, Italy, LDR): approved a draft report, and adopted a preliminary draft recommendation;

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cc. Secretary General of the Assembly
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Secretaries of National Delegations to the Assembly
Secretaries of Political Groups of the Assembly
Directors General
Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe
Director of Communication and Research
Secretary of the Committee of Ministers
Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe

- *European Population Conference*: authorised the Chairman to submit this project to the Bureau of the Assembly, for information;
- *Priorities and work programme 2003*: held an exchange of views on the work programme;
- *Appointment of representatives*: appointed
 - Mr Iwiński (Poland, SOC) (or his representative) for the 10th Session of the Lisbon Forum 2003 "Migrations and Human Rights: North-South Dialogue", Lisbon, 23-25 November 2003
- *Appointment of rapporteurs*: appointed the following rapporteurs;
 - Mr Brunhart (Liechtenstein, EPP/CD): Population trends and their sensitivity to certain policy measures
 - Mr Agramunt (Spain, EPP/CD): Accelerated asylum procedures in Council of Europe member States
- *Next meetings*:
 - *Sub-Committee on Population*: Paris, 5 December 2003 (in the morning)
 - *Plenary Committee*: Paris, 8 December 2003
 - *European Day: asylum, migration and refugees*: Paris, 19 January 2004, (to be confirmed)

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