

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 Paris on 8 December 2003, with Mr Iwiński (Poland, SOC) in the Chair:

As regards:

- *Links between Europeans living abroad and their countries of origin* (Rapporteur: Mrs Bušić, Croatia, EPP/CD): approved a draft report, and amended and adopted a draft recommendation;
- *Human mobility and right to family reunion* (Rapporteur: Mrs Zapfl-Helbling, Switzerland, EPP/CD): took note of a preliminary draft report;
- *Persons unaccounted for as a result of armed conflicts or internal violence in the Balkans* (Rapporteur: M. Çavuşoğlu, Turquie, EDG): heard a statement by the rapporteur and by Mr Bruno Zimmermann, Diplomatic Adviser, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) on the "28th International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent" (Geneva, 2-6 December 2003), and considered a memorandum;
- *Activities of the Development Bank of the Council of Europe in the field of migration and refugees*: held an exchange of views with Mr Apolonio Ruiz Ligeró, Vice-Governor of the Development Bank of the Council of Europe and decided to prepare a motion for a recommendation on the funding of reconstruction projects;
- *Activities of the French Institute for International Relations (IFRI) in the field of migration*: held an exchange of view with representatives of the IFRI:
 - Mr Philippe Moreau-Defarges, Head of Division *Europe*
 - Mr Rémy Leveau, Scientific Adviser, *Immigration / Integration - Islam*
 - Ms Khadija Mohsen-Finan, Head of studies on the Arabic World, *Immigration / Integration - Islam in Europe*
 - Mr Christophe Bertossi, Researcher, *Citizenship/Multiculturalism - Immigration*
- *European Day on migration, asylum, and refugees*: approved the draft programme;

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Director of Communication and Research
Secretary of the Committee of Ministers
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- *The humanitarian situation in Chechnya* (Rapporteur: Mr Iwiński, Poland, SOC): held an exchange of views with representatives of *Médecins Sans Frontières* (MSF):
 - Loïck Barriquand, Desk Officer for Chechnya
 - Fabien Dubuet, Researcher
 - Aurélie Grémaud, Communication Adviser
- *European Population Conference*: heard a statement by the Chair of the Sub-Committee on Population;
- *External relations of the Parliamentary Assembly*: heard a statement by the Chair of the Committee on the meeting of Committees' chairmen with the President of the Assembly (Paris, 6 November 2003), and held an exchange of views;
- *Activities of the Information and Study Center on International Migration (CIEMI)*: held an exchange of views with Mr Luca Marin, Director of the CIEMI;
- *Migrant workers and temporary employment agencies*: heard a statement by Mr Skarphéðinsson and agreed to prepare a motion for a recommendation on that issue;
- *Membership of the Sub-Committees*: approved the following modifications:
 - Mr Duivesteijn, Netherlands, SOC, Member of the Sub-Committee on Refugees;
 - Ms Gamzatova, Russia, UEL, Member of the Sub-Committee on Population.
- *Representation of the Committee at various events*:
 - a. *Reports*:
 - Mr Iwiński (Poland, SOC) on the 4th Regional Conference on "Migration policies on the eve of the EU enlargement: what challenges for future co-operation within the East European region", Kiev, 9-10 October 2003;
 - Mr Iwiński (Poland, SOC) on the 10th Session of the Lisbon Forum 2003 "Migrations and Human Rights: North-South Dialogue", Lisbon, 23-25 November 2003;
 - Mr Iwiński (Poland, SOC) on the Global Progressive Forum, Brussels, 27-29 November 2003;
 - MM. Popa (Romania, SOC) and Tkáč (Slovakia, EDG) on the 6th meeting of the European Population Committee (CAHP), Strasbourg, 1-3 December 2003.
 - b. *Appointment of representatives*:
 - Mrs Vermot-Mangold (Switzerland, SOC) at the *Ad hoc* Committee of Experts on Legal Aspects of Territorial Asylum, Refugees and Stateless Persons (CAHAR) (Strasbourg, 11-12 December 2003);
 - MM. Popa (Romania, SOC) and Tkáč (Slovakia, EDG), and Mrs Nabholz-Haidegger (Switzerland, LDR) at the European Population Forum 2004: Population Challenges and Policy Responses (Geneva, 12-14 January 2004)
- *Appointment of rapporteurs*: decided to consider this item during the part session of January 2004;
- *Next meetings*: decided to hold its next meetings as follows:
 - Paris, 19 January 2004, European Day: asylum, migration and refugees (*to be confirmed*)
 - Paris, 20 January 2004, Plenary Committee (*to be confirmed*)
 - Strasbourg, during the 1st part of the Session 2004 (26–30.01.2004)

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