

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

SECRETARIAT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

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30 January 2004

**The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population**, meeting in Strasbourg on 26, 27, 28 and 29 January 2004, under the Chairmanship of first Lord Judd (United Kingdom, SOC), oldest member present, then of Mr Wilkinson (United Kingdom, EDG) and Mr Søndergaard (Denmark, UEL, Second Vice-Chair) in the Chair:

*Elected by acclamation:*

- Mr WILKINSON (United Kingdom, EDG) Chairman
- Mrs de ZULUETA (Italy, SOC) First Vice-Chair
- Mr SØNDERGAARD (Denmark, UEL) Second Vice-Chair
- Mr BRANGER (France, EPP/CD) Third Vice-Chair

*As regards:*

- *Human mobility and right to family reunion (Rapporteur: Mrs Zapfl-Helbling, Switzerland, EPP/CD)*: considered a draft report and held an exchange of views with
  - Mr Paolo Martino COSSU, Head Administrator, DG H (Justice and home affairs), Sector I (Asylum, Migration, Visa and Borders), Council of the European Union
  - Mr Nabil BENBEKHTI, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
  - Mr Claudio HAYOZ, Right and data protection, IMES – Federal Office of Immigration, Integration and Emigration, Switzerland;
- *The humanitarian situation of displaced persons in Chechnya (Rapporteur: Mr Iwiński, Poland, SOC)*: heard a statement by the Rapporteur and authorised him to carry out a new fact finding mission to Chechnya (dates to be fixed);
- *Situation of refugees and displaced persons in the Russian Federation and other CIS countries (Rapporteur: Mr Iwiński, Poland, SOC)*: considered a preliminary draft report and agreed to modify the title as proposed by the Rapporteur so that it would read as follows: "Situation of refugees and displaced persons in the Russian Federation and other selected CIS countries";
- *A European migration observatory/agency (Rapporteur: Mr Iwiński, Poland, SOC)* : considered a preliminary draft report;
- *Reconstitution of the sub-committees: reconstituted its sub-committees* (see appendix);
- *The plight of the deported Meskhetian population (Rapporteur: Mrs Vermot-Mangold, Switzerland, SOC)*: heard a statement by the Rapporteur;

cc. Secretary General of the Assembly  
Director General in the Secretariat of the Assembly  
Directors and all staff of the Secretariat of the Assembly  
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

- *Protection and assistance for separated children seeking asylum (Rapporteur: Mrs Torrado, Spain, SOC):* in the absence of the Rapporteur, took note of an outline for the report;
- *Accelerated asylum procedures in Council of Europe Member States: (Rapporteur: Mr Agramunt, Spain, EPP/CD):* in the absence of the Rapporteur, took note of an outline for the report;
- *Population trends and their sensitivity to certain policy measures (Rapporteur: Mr Brunhart, Liechtenstein, EPP/CD):* considered a memorandum and held an exchange of views with Prof. Robert CLIQUET, Population and Social Policy Consultants, Brussels;
- *Euro-Mexican Parliamentary Forum on Migration (Mexico, 29-31 March 2004):* considered a preliminary draft programme and held an exchange of views with Senator Sanchez CARRERO from Mexico;
  - *Appointment of rapporteurs:* appointed the following rapporteurs:
    - Establishment of the Centre for European Nations' Remembrance under the auspices of the Council of Europe (Doc. 9945): Mr Einarsson (Sweden, UEL)
    - Integration difficulties of immigrants as a potential threat to the fundamental values of the Council of Europe (Doc. 9948): Mr Branger (France, EPP/CD)
    - Co-development policies as a positive measure to regulate migratory flows (Doc. 9949): Mr Salles (France, EPP/CD)
    - Asylum seekers and irregular migrants in Turkey (Doc. 9965): Mr B. Aliyev, (Azerbaijan, SOC)
    - New trends and challenges for Euro-Mediterranean migration policies (Doc. 10021): Mr Danieli (Italy, LDR)
    - The activities of the Council of Europe Development Bank (Res. 1235 (2000)) (*for opinion*) : Mr Braun (Hungary, PPE/DC);
  - *Representation of the Committee at various events:*
    - European Population Forum 2004: Population Challenges and Policy Responses, Geneva, 12-14 January 2004: heard a statement by Mr Tkáč (Slovakia, EDG);
  - *Replies from the Committee of Ministers:* took note of the replies to the following Recommendations:
    - Recommendation 1612 (2003) – Situation of Palestinian refugees
    - Recommendation 1607 (2003) – Activities of the International Organization for Migration (IOM), 1998-2002
    - Recommendation 1610 (2003) – Migration connected with trafficking in women and prostitution ;
  - *Recent demographic developments in Europe, 2003:*
    - Heard a presentation of the Demographic Yearbook 2003 by Mr Aidan PUNCH, Chairman of the European Population Committee (CAHP)
    - Held an exchange of views with the participation of Mr Raimondo CAGIANO DE AZEVEDO, President, University of Rome, Member of the CAHP;
  - *Dates and places of the next meetings:*
    - Paris, 10 March 2004
    - Mexico, 29-31 March 2004
    - Strasbourg, during the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the session 2004 (26-30 April 2004).

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**The Sub-Committee on Migration**, meeting in Strasbourg on 28 January 2004:

- *Elected Mr IWINSKI (Poland, SOC) Chair;*
- *left it to the Chair to convene the next meeting*

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**The Sub-Committee on Refugees**, meeting in Strasbourg on 28 and 29 January 2004:

- *Elected Mrs VERMOT-MANGOLD (Switzerland, SOC) Chair;*
- *left it to the Chair to convene the next meeting*

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**The Sub-Committee on Population**, meeting in Strasbourg on 28 January 2004:

- *Re-elected Mr TKÁČ (Slovakia, EDG) Chair;*
- *left it to the Chair to convene the next meeting*

Halvor Lervik, Agnieszka Nachilo, Catherine Entzminger

## APPENDIX

### Reconstitution of the Sub-Committees

#### SUB-COMMITTEE ON MIGRATION

##### **Members**

Mr	Van den BRANDE	Belgium
Mr	BRANGER	France
Mr	CILEVIČS	Latvia
Mrs	ČURDOVÁ	Czech Republic
Mr	DMITRIJEVAS	Lithuania
Mr	FEDOROV	Russia
Mr	FOULKES	United Kingdom
Mr	GREGORY	Ireland
Mr	GRZESIK	Poland
Mr	GÜLÇİÇEK	Turkey
Mrs	HOFFMANN	Germany
Mr	IWINSKI	Poland
Lord	JUDD	United Kingdom
Mr	KIRILOV	Bulgaria
Mr	KVAKKESTAD	Norway
Mr	LAMBERT	Belgium
Mr	LEGENDRE	France
Mr	NESSA	Italy
Mr	PLATVOET	Netherlands
Mr	POPA	Romania
Mr	RAKHANSKY	Ukraine
Mr	REYMANN	France
Mr	SØNDERGAARD	Denmark
Mr	STAMM	Switzerland
Mr	TKÁČ	Slovakia
Mrs	ZAPFL-HELBLING	Switzerland
Mr	YÁÑEZ-BARNUEVO	Spain
Mrs	de ZULUETA	Italy

##### **Ex officio:**

Mr WILKINSON, United Kingdom, Chairman of the Committee

##### **Alternates**

Mrs	BOUSAKLA
Mr	JACQUAT
Mr	KROUPA
Mr	HANCOCK
Mr	GRZYB
Mr	ADZINOWSKI
Mr	ETHERINGTON
Mr	AKSELSEN
Mr	LE GUEN
Mr	DANIELI
Mr	van THIJN
Mrs	CLIVETI
Mrs	VERMOT-MANGOLD
Mr	RIVOLTA

#### SUB-COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES

Mr	AGRAMUNT	Spain	Mr	PUCHE
Mr	AKHVLEDIANI	Georgia	Mr	KVAKKESTAD
Mr	AKSELSEN	Norway	Mrs	ČURDOVÁ
Mr	BRUNHART	Liechtenstein	Mr	NESSA
M.	CABRNOČH	Czech Republic	Mr	GRZESIK
Mr	ÇAVUSOĞLU	Turkey	Mr	FOULKES
Mr	CILEVIČS	Latvia	Mr	MOCIOI
Mr	DANIELI	Italy	Mr	GADZINOWSKI
Mr	DMITRIJEVAS	Lithuania	Mrs	de ZULUETA
Mrs	ERR	Luxembourg	Mrs	KROHN
Mr	GRZYB	Poland	Mr	PLATVOET
Mr	HAGBERG	Sweden	Mr	LINTNER
Mr	HANCOCK	United Kingdom	Mr	JACQUAT
Mr	HIGGINS	Ireland		
Mr	ILAŞCU	Romania		
Mr	IWIŃSKI	Poland		
Lord	JUDD	United Kingdom		
Mr	KIRILOV	Bulgaria		
Mr	NARO	Italy		
Mr	OLIN	Finland		
Mr	van THIJN	Netherlands		
Mr	RAUBER	Germany		
Mr	REYMANN	France		

Mrs	SHAKHTAKHTINSKAYA	Azerbaijan	Mr	ALIYEV
Mr	SØNDERGAARD	Denmark	Mr	POULSEN
Mrs	STOISITS	Austria		
Mr	TOROSYAN	Armenia		
Mrs	VERMOT-MANGOLD	Switzerland	Mr	STAMM

**Ex officio:**

Mr WILKINSON, United Kingdom, Chairman of the Committee

**SUB-COMMITTEE ON POPULATION**

Mr	AGRAMUNT	Spain		
Mr	ALIYEV	Azerbaijan		
Mrs	BOUSAKLA	Belgique		
Mr	Van den BRANDE	Belgique		
Mr	BRUNHART	Liechtenstein		
Mr	CABRNOCH	Czech Republic		
Mrs	CLIVETI	Romania		
Mrs	ERR	Luxembourg		
Mr	ETHERINGTON	United Kingdom		
Mrs	FILIPIOVÁ	Czech Republic		
Mr	GRABOWSKI	Poland		
Mr	GREGORY	Ireland		
Mr	HIGGINS	Ireland		
Mr	ILAŞCU	Romania	Mr	MOCIOI
Mr	KAUFMANN	Switzerland		
Mrs	KROHN	Finland		
Mr	LAMBERT	Belgique		
Mr	LOUTFI	Bulgaria		
Mr	NARO	Italy		
Mr	POPA	Romania		
Mr	POULSEN	Denmark		
Mrs	SAKS	Estonia		
Mrs	STOISITS	Austria		
Mr	TEKELIOĞLU	Turkey		
Mr	TKÁČ	Slovakia		
Mrs	ZAPFL-HELBLING	Switzerland		

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**AD HOC SUB-COMMITTEE ON THE HUMANITARIAN SITUATION OF DISPLACED PERSONS IN CHECHNYA**

**Members (5)**

Mr	BRANGER (EPP/CD / PPE/DC)	France
Mr	EINARSSON (UEL/GUE)	Sweden
Mr	HANCOCK (LDR)	United Kingdom
Mrs	HOFFMANN (SOC)	Germany
Mr	ZAVGAYEV (EDG/GDE)	Russia

**Substitutes (5)**

M.	AGRAMUNT (EPP/CD / PPE/DC)	Spain
Mrs	SAKS (SOC)	Estonia
Mrs	VERMOT-MANGOLD (SOC)	Switzerland

**Rapporteur:**

Mr IWŃSKI (SOC) Poland

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