



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 Strasbourg on 5 and 7 October 2004, with Mr Wilkinson (United Kingdom, EDG) in the Chair:

As regards:

- *The humanitarian situation in Sudan*: took note of a written declaration presented by Mr Iwiński (Poland, SOC);
- *OECD and the world economy* (Rapporteur of the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development: Mr Ateş, Turkey, SOC): did not appoint any speaker for the debate in the Assembly;
- *Co-development policies as a positive measure to regulate migratory flows* (Rapporteur: Mr Salles, France, EPP/CD): considered a revised memorandum;
- *Establishment of the Centre for European Nations' Remembrance under the auspices of the Council of Europe* (Rapporteur: Mr Einarsson, Sweden, UEL): considered a revised memorandum and held an exchange of views on the draft programme of the Seminar (Geneva, 4-5 November 2004);
- *The plight of the deported Meskhetian population* (Rapporteur: Mrs Vermot-Mangold, Switzerland, SOC): held an exchange of views with:
 - Mr Oskari PENTIKAEINEN, Project Associate - Department for Former Soviet Union, European Centre for minority issues (ECMI – Flensburg, Germany)
 - Mr Süleyman BARBAKADZE, Chairman, VATAN (Moscow, Russia)
- *New trends and challenges for Euro-Mediterranean migration policies* (Rapporteur: Mr Danieli, Italy, LDR): considered an outline for a report;
- *The humanitarian situation of the Chechen displaced population* (Rapporteur: Mr Iwiński, Poland, SOC): took a position on the amendments to the draft Resolution;
- *Protection and assistance for separated children seeking asylum* (Rapporteur: Mr Wray, United Kingdom, SOC): took note of a revised memorandum and appointed Mr van Thijn (Netherlands, SOC) Rapporteur to replace Mr Wray (United Kingdom, SOC);

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Director of Communication and Research
Secretary of the Committee of Ministers
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Sub-committees:

- *Sub-Committee on Population:* heard a report by Mr Hancock (United Kingdom, LDR) on the Parliamentary Seminar to prepare the European Population Conference 2005 (Bratislava, 23-24 September 2004);
- *Sub-Committee on Migration:* heard a report by Mr Iwiński (Poland, SOC) on the participation to the Regional Conference on “*Migrants in transit countries: sharing responsibility for management and protection*” (Istanbul, 30 September – 1 October 2004), organised by the CDMG;
- Composition of the sub-committees:

Sub-Committee on Migration: appointed Mrs FILIPIOVÁ (Czech Republic, EDG) to replace Mrs ČURDOVÁ (Czech Republic, SOC), who has resigned.

Sub-Committee on Population: appointed Mr FERNÁNDEZ-AGUILAR (Spain, EPP/CD) to replace Mr GRABOWSKI (Poland, EDG), who has resigned.

- *Priorities and work programme 2004:* held an exchange of views;
- *Representation of the Committee at various events:* appointed:
 - *Conference on International Migration, Globalisation and Christian Ethics organised by the Churches' Commission for Migrants in Europe (CCME) at the occasion of its 40th anniversary (Arnoldshain (Germany), 22-24 October 2004):* Mrs Vermot-Mangold (Switzerland, SOC)
 - *Autumn school in Integration of recently arrived pupils: what mission for schools? organised by the Academic Centre for the education for newcomers and for traveller children (Centre Académique pour la Scolarisation des Nouveaux Arrivants et des Enfants du Voyage (CASNAV)) (Paris, 25 October 2004):* Mr Branger, France, EPP/CD)
- *Population trends in Europe and their sensitivity to policy measures* (Rapporteur: Mr Brunhart, Liechtenstein, EPP/CD): took a position on the amendments to the draft Recommendation;
- *Activities of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)* (Rapporteur: Mr Hancock, United Kingdom, LDR): authorised the Rapporteur to conduct a fact-finding visit to the UNHCR in Geneva;
- *Dates and places of the next meetings:* decided to hold its next meetings as follows:

Plenary Committee:

- Geneva, 4-5 November 2004
- Paris, 6-7 December 2004

Sub-Committee on Population:

- Strasbourg, 18-19 October 2004: Meeting of the Sub-Committee on Population (and of the *ad hoc* Sub-Committee of the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee) in the framework of the International Parliamentary Conference on Population and Development organised by the Inter-European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development (IEPPFD).

The ad hoc Sub-Committee on the Humanitarian Situation of Displaced Persons in Chechnya, meeting in Strasbourg on 7 October 2004, with Mrs Hoffmann (Germany, SOC) in the Chair:

As regards:

- *Reconstruction efforts in Chechnya and the humanitarian situation of displaced persons from Chechnya:* held an exchange of views with:
 - Mr Alu ALKHANOV, President of the Chechen Republic
 - Mr Murat ZYAZIKOV, President of Ingushetia
 - Mr Eli ISAEV, Deputy Prime Minister of the Chechen Republic
- *Forthcoming activities:* invited the Russian Delegation to send an official invitation with a view to co-organising with the Duma and the Council of the Federation a Round-table on reconstruction, humanitarian aid and assistance to displaced persons in and from the Chechen Republic;
- *Next meetings:* left it to the Chairperson to convene the next meeting.

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