

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

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**The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population**, meeting in Geneva on 3 and 4 November 2005, with first Mrs de Zulueta (Italy, SOC) and then Mr van Thijn (Netherlands, SOC) in the Chair:

as regards:

- *Seminars on Europe's Humanitarian Responsibilities, on Migration Legislation and on Working Migration in Europe*: held these seminars with the participation of:

- Mr Nilim BARUAH, Head of Labour Migration Service, IOM
- Mr Udo JANZ, Deputy Director, Regional Bureau for Europe, UNHCR
- Ms Lynette LOWNDES, Head of the Europe Department, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
- Mr Brunson McKINLEY, Director General, IOM
- Mr André P. MOLLARD, Permanent Delegation to International Organisations in Geneva, European Commission
- Mr Richard PERRUCHOUD, Director, International Migration Law and Legal Affairs, IOM
- Mr Sergio PIAZZI, Chief, Advocacy and External Relations Section, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)
- Mrs Maria Vittoria ROMANO, Advisor, Central Tracing Agency and Protection Division, ICRC
- Ms Yvette STEVENS, Assistant Emergency Relief Coordinator and Director, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)
- Mr Patrick TARAN, Senior Migration Officer, ILO
- Mrs Sofi TAYLOR, Trade Union Congress

- *New trends and challenges for Euro-Mediterranean migration policies (Rapporteur: Mr Danieli, Italy, LDR)*: approved a draft report and adopted a draft recommendation;

- *Human rights of irregular migrants (Rapporteur: Mr. van Thijn, Netherlands, SOC)*: held an exchange of views on an introductory memorandum;

- *The creation of transit centres outside the European Union (Rapporteur: Mrs Jonker, Netherlands, EPP / CD)*: held an exchange of views with Mr Alexander BETTS, Refugees Studies Centre, University of Oxford and Mr Thomas GAMMELTOFT-HANSEN, Policy Analyst, Danish Refugee Council;

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Director of Communication and Research  
Secretary of the Committee of Ministers  
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– *Working migration from the countries of Eastern and Central Europe: present state and perspectives (Rapporteur: Mrs Hoffmann, Germany, SOC):* held an exchange of views on the basis of the Seminar on Working Migration in Europe;

– *The image of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers in the media (Rapporteur: Ms de Zulueta, Italy, SOC):* heard a presentation by Mrs de Zulueta on the 5<sup>th</sup> Session of the Political Platform of the Council of Europe on Migration : image of migrants in the media;

– *Establishment of a European remembrance centre for victims of forced population movements (Rapporteur: Mr Einarsson, Sweden, UEL):* held an exchange of views with Dr Barbro EBERAN, Journalist and writer;

*Unexpected large-scale arrival of migrants and potential refugees:* heard a statement by Mrs de Zulueta on her visit to Lampedusa, discussed the events in Ceuta and Melilla and decided to set up a working group (ad hoc sub-Committee) with the following members: Mrs de Zulueta (Italy, First Vice-Chair of the Committee), Mrs Vermot-Mangold (Switzerland, Chair of the sub-Committee on Refugees), Mr Iwinski (Poland, Chair of the sub-Committee on Migration) and Mrs Bousakla (Belgium, Rapporteur for opinion on Agriculture and illegal employment in Europe and on European Muslim communities confronted with extremism). The group's mandate will be to visit these Spanish enclaves following consultations with the Chairman of the Spanish delegation and report back to the Committee.

– *Global Commission on International Migration (GCIM):* heard a presentation by Mr Khalid KOSER, Senior policy analyst, on the activities of the GCIM and its report on "Migration in an interconnected world: New directions for action";

– *Mobilisation of Diaspora communities for development:* held an exchange of views with Mr Andy SUNDBERG, Founder of American Citizens Abroad, Managing Director of Consultex SA, Geneva, Switzerland;

– *Work programme:*

· *Appointment of rapporteurs:* appointed

- *The situation of migrant workers in temporary employment agencies:* Mr Henderson (United-Kingdom, SOC) in replacement of Mr Skarphédinsson (Iceland, SOC) as rapporteur

- *European Muslim communities confronted with extremism (for opinion):* Mrs Bousakla (Belgium, SOC)

– *Dates and places of the next meetings:* decided to hold its next meetings as follows:

? Plenary Committee:

- *Paris, 8-9 December 2005*

- *Strasbourg, during the 1<sup>st</sup> part of the session 2006 (23-27 January 2006)*

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