



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 and 9 December 2005, with Mr Çavuşoğlu (Turkey, EDG) in the Chair:

as regards:

- *Migration, Refugees and Population in the context of the Third Summit of Heads of State and Government of Member States of the Council of Europe, Warsaw, 16-17 May 2005 (Rapporteur: Mr Hagberg, Sweden, SOC)*: held the following seminars with the participation of non-governmental and inter-governmental organisations, local authorities and trade unions, in the context of the preparation of the report:

- *Seminars on Work and Integration and on Local Democracy and integration;*
- *Seminar on Refugees and Migrants: Protection and Integration* (co-chaired by Mr Dick Marty, Chairperson of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights);

- *Follow-up to Recommendation 1570 (2002) on the situation of refugees and displaced persons in Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia (Rapporteur: Mr Cilevičs, Latvia, SOC)*: approved a draft report and adopted a draft resolution;

- *Working migration from the countries of Eastern and Central Europe: present state and perspectives (Rapporteur: Mrs Hoffmann, Germany, SOC)*: considered a preliminary draft report;

- *The situation of Turkish migrant workers in Europe (Rapporteur: Mr Gülçiçek, Turkey, SOC)*: held an exchange of views with an invited expert;

- *Large-scale arrival of migrants and potential refugees*: held an exchange of views on the situation in Ceuta and Melilla (Spain), Lampedusa (Italy) and Malta, with the participation of a representative of the UNHCR;

- *Establishment of a European remembrance centre for victims of forced population movements (Rapporteur: Mr Einarsson, Sweden, UEL)*: held an exchange of views with Mr Markus Meckel, member of the German Parliament;

- *Integration of migrant women in Europe (Rapporteur for opinion: Mrs Stoitsits, Austria, SOC)*: decided to return to the issue during the next meeting;

- *Urban violence in town and cities*: heard a presentation by Mr Branger (Vice-Chair, France, EPP/CD) on the situation in France and held an exchange of views;

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- *Co-operation with the European Committee on Migration (CDMG)*: heard a statement by Mr Iwiński (Poland, SOC), Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Migration, on the 50th meeting of the CDMG and on a proposal for increased co-operation through the revised terms of reference of the Political Platform on Migration and decided to ask the Bureau of the Assembly to give a positive response to the active involvement of the Committee (through its Sub-Committee on Migration) in the work of the Political Platform on Migration;
- *Work programme*:
 - held an exchange of views on the priorities and the work programme for 2006 and decided to inform the Bureau;
 - *Appointment of Rapporteurs*:
 - ▶ *Immigration from Subsaharian Africa*: Mr Branger, France, EPP/CD;
 - ▶ *Missing persons in Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia*: Mr Platvoet, Netherlands, UEL;
 - *Representation of the Committee at various events*:
 - ▶ *51st meeting of the CDMG (19-21 April 2005)*: nominated Mr Iwiński, Poland, SOC;
 - ▶ *Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Co-operation (PABSEC) (Tirana, 22-24 November 2005)*: heard a report by its Chairman;
- *Other business*: decided to issue a press-release expressing its concern regarding present asylum procedures in Europe, on the occasion of the Human Rights Day, 10 December.
- *Date and place of the next meeting*: decided to hold its next meeting as follows:

Plenary Committee:

Strasbourg, during the 1st part of the session 2006 (23-27 January 2006)

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