

**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 11 and 13 April 2006, first with Mr Christodoulides (Cyprus, UEL) and then with Mr Iwiński (Poland, SOC) in the Chair:

As regards:

- *Establishment of a European remembrance centre for victims of forced population movements and ethnic cleansing (Rapporteur : Mr Einarsson, Sweden, UEL):* approved a draft report and adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation;
- *Human rights of irregular migrants (Rapporteur : Mr van Thijn, Netherlands, SOC):* approved a draft report and adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation;
- *Demographic challenges for social cohesion (Rapporteur: Mrs Oskina, Russia, EDG):* approved a draft report and adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation;
- *Situation of longstanding refugees and displaced persons in South-East Europe (Rapporteur: Mr Dendias, Greece, EPP/CD):* considered an outline for a report and authorised the Rapporteur to visit Serbia and Montenegro, subject to available funds;
- *Refugees and displaced persons in Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia (Rapporteur: Mr Cilevičs, Latvia, SOC):* took position on the amendments to the draft resolution;
- *The situation of Turkish migrant workers in Europe (Rapporteur: Mr Gülçiçek, Turkey, SOC):* heard a statement by the Rapporteur and considered a preliminary draft report;
- *The image of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers in the media (Rapporteur: Mrs de Zulueta, Italy, SOC):* in the absence of the Rapporteur, decided to return to this issue during the next meeting;
- *Sub-Committees:*
  - *Sub-Committee on Migration:* heard a statement by Mr Iwiński, Chairman of the Sub-Committee (Poland, SOC), on the meeting held on 11 April 2006, decided to ask the President of the Assembly to invite Mrs Nezha Chekrouni, Minister responsible for Moroccans residing abroad, to take part in the Assembly debate on *The human rights of irregular migrants (Rapporteur: Mr van Thijn, Netherlands, SOC)* during the June part-session 2006, and decided to open the meeting scheduled in Krasnoïarsk on 14-15 September 2006 to all members of the Committee;

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

▪ *Sub-Committee on Refugees*: heard a statement by Mrs Vermot-Mangold, Chairperson of the Sub-Committee (Switzerland, SOC), on the meeting held on 11 April 2006;

▪ *Sub-Committee on Population*: took note of a preliminary draft programme of the meeting scheduled in Budapest on 19-20 October 2006 and decided to open the meeting to all members of the Committee;

▪ *Ad Hoc Sub-Committee to take part in the Hearing on integration organised by the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs of the European Parliament (Brussels, 25 April 2006)* : revised the composition of the *Ad Hoc* Sub-Committee as follow: Mrs Bousakla (Belgium, SOC), Mr Branger (France, EPP/CD), Mr Mooney (Ireland, ALDE), Rudi Salles, (France, ALDE) and other members, subject to their availability;

▪ *Composition of the Sub-Committees*:

→ *Sub-Committee on Migration*: appointed Mr Özal (Turkey, EPP/CD, member and Mr Gülçiçek (Turkey, SOC), alternate;

→ *Sub-Committee on Population*: appointed Mr Debono Grech (Malta, SOC) and Mr Lambert (Belgium, SOC), members, and Mr Puig Cordón (Spain, NR), alternate;

- *Work programme*:

▪ took note of the work programme

▪ *Appointment of rapporteurs*:

*Riots in European cities: lessons and Council of Europe response (reference for an opinion)*: Mr Hancock (United Kingdom, ALDE)

▪ *Representation of the Committee at various events*:

- 10th Anniversary of the revised European Social Charter (Strasbourg, 3 May 2006) : Mr van Thijn (Netherlands, SOC), at no cost to the Assembly
- Launching of the Network of European cities for local integration, organised by the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of Europe (CLRAE) and the European Foundation for the improvement of living and working conditions (Dublin, 19-22 June 2006 ): Mr Mooney (Ireland, ALDE), at no cost to the Assembly
- 2nd World Social Forum on Migration (Rivas Vaciamadrid, Spain, 22-24 June 2006): Mrs Vermot-Mangold (Switzerland, SOC), and interested members of the Spanish delegation, at no cost to the Assembly;
- The Nansen Refugee Award Ceremony: Mrs Vermot-Mangold (Switzerland, SOC), at no cost to the Assembly
- Youth and layers of identity Conference, organised by the International Dialogue Foundation (The Hague, Netherlands): Mr Çavuşoğlu (Turkey, EDG) at no cost to the Assembly;
- Exchange of views on “European muslim communities confronted by extremism” organised by the Political Affairs Committee (Paris, 2 June 2006): Mrs Bousakla (Belgium, SOC) in order to prepare her opinion on this issue, subject to available funds.

- *Replies from the Committee of Ministers to texts adopted by the Assembly presented by the Committee*:

*Recommendation 1718 (2005) on Co-development policy as a positive measure to regulate migratory flows*: took note of the reply by the Committee of Ministers

- *Other business*: heard a statement by Mrs Zapfl-Helbling (Switzerland, EPP/CD) on her visit to the Netherlands at the invitation of the “INLIA Foundation”

- *Next meetings*

*Plenary Committee* :

- Strasbourg, during the 3<sup>rd</sup> part of the Session 2006 (26-30 June 2006)
- Strasbourg, during the 4<sup>th</sup> part of the Session 2006 (2-6 October 2006)
- United Kingdom, 13-15 November 2006 (*to be confirmed and subject to authorisation by the Bureau*)
- Paris, 11 December 2006 (*to be confirmed*)

*Sub-Committee on Migration:*

- Krasnoïarsk (Russia), 14-15 September 2006 (*to be confirmed and subject to authorisation by the Bureau*)
- Strasbourg, 7-8 November 2006 (participation in the Political Platform of the CDMG) (*to be confirmed*)

*Sub-Committee on Refugees:*

- Lisbon, 18-19 May 2006 – Participation in the Seminar on North-South Dialogue on Migration, organised by the North-South Centre, in cooperation with the Directorate General of Social Cohesion and the Portuguese Parliament

*Sub-Committee on Population:*

- Budapest, 19-20 October 2006 (*to be confirmed and subject to authorisation by the Bureau*)

*Ad Hoc Sub-Committee* to take part in the Hearing on integration organised by the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs of the European Parliament

- Brussels, 25 April 2006

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**The Sub-Committee on Refugees**, meeting in Strasbourg, on 11 April 2006, with Mrs Vermot-Mangold (Switzerland, SOC) in the chair,

As regards:

- *The situation of Ingush internal displaced persons from North Ossetia*: held an exchange of views with the participation of Ingush IDP representatives from North Ossetia and with Mr Günther Scheske, Representative of UNHCR to the European Institutions in Strasbourg;
- *Seminar on the North-South dialogue on migration (Lisbon, 18-19 May 2006)*: held an exchange of views on the programme of the meeting, with the participation of Mr Simon Tonelli, Head of the Department on Migration, Directorate General III, Council of Europe;
- *The Nansen Refugee Award* : held an exchange of views, with the participation of Mr Jack Hanning, Director of External and Multilateral Relations, Directorate General of Political Affairs; Council of Europe and Mr Günther Scheske, UNHCR Representative to the European Institutions in Strasbourg;
- *Next meeting*: Lisbon, 18-19 May 2006

**The Sub-Committee on Migration**, meeting in Strasbourg, on 11 April 2006, with Mr Iwiński (Poland, SOC) in the chair,

As regards:

- *Seminar on Eurasian migration: the example of Krasnoïarsk Kray (Krasnoïarsk, 14-15 September 2006) (to be confirmed and subject to authorisation by the Bureau)*: heard a statement by Mrs Oskina (Russia, EDG) on the preliminary draft programme of the meeting;
- *6<sup>th</sup> Session of the Political Platform on Migration*: heard a statement by Mr Simon Tonelli, Head of the Department on Migration, Directorate General III, Council of Europe;
- *Next meetings*:
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