



**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 3 and 5 October 2006, with Mr Çavuşoğlu (Turkey, EDG) in the Chair,

- **On 3 October 2006, at 8.30 am**, as regards:
  - ***Missing persons in Armenia, Azerbaijan And Georgia*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Platvoet, Netherlands, UEL*): heard a statement by the Rapporteur on his visit to the Nagorno-Karabakh and Abkhazia regions from 17 to 23 September 2006 and held an exchange of views with Mr Bernhard Clasen and Mrs Svetlana Gannushkina, Co-Chairs of the International Working Group for the Release of Prisoners and Hostages and the Tracing of Missing Persons of the Karabakh Conflict;
  - ***Urgent debate: Mass arrival of irregular migrants on Europe's southern shores*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Chope, United Kingdom, EDG*): approved a draft report and adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation as amended;
  - ***Situation of longstanding refugees and displaced persons in South East Europe*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Dendias, Greece, EPP/CD*): took note of a draft memorandum, authorised the Rapporteur to visit Bosnia and Herzegovina in the framework of the preparation of his report (subject to availability of funds) and decided to return to the issue at its next meeting;
  - ***Representation of the committee at various events:***  
Euro-Mediterranean meetings of Casablanca (Morocco), – 1<sup>st</sup> Edition, 28 November – 1<sup>st</sup> December 2006: appointed, subject to the authorisation of the Bureau, Mrs Porteiro Garcia (Spain, SOC) as well as Mr Preda (Romania, EPP/CD, at no cost to the Assembly) and Mrs Vermot-Mangold (Switzerland, SOC, at no cost to the Assembly);
- **On 5 October 2006, at 8.30 am**, as regards:
  - ***Election of the Third Vice-Chairperson of the Committee:*** elected Mr Henderson (United Kingdom, SOC) Third Vice-Chair by acclamation;
  - ***Urgent debate: Mass arrival of irregular migrants on Europe's southern shores*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Chope, United Kingdom, EDG*): took position on the amendments to the draft resolution;
  - ***The situation of Ingushetian internal displaced persons from North Ossetia:*** heard a statement by Mr Fedorov (Russia, EDG) and Mr Postavnin, Deputy Head of the Migration Services of the Russian Federation;

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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

- **Work of the sub-committees:**

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- *Seminar on Eurasian Migration, the Example of Krasnoyarsk Kray (Sub-Committee on Migration, Krasnoyarsk, Russian Federation, 14-15 September 2006)*: heard a statement by Mr Iwiński (Poland, SOC), Chair of the Sub-Committee;
- *Parliamentary Assembly / UEFA Conference on promoting good governance in sport (Strasbourg, 29 September 2006)*: heard a statement by Mr Greenway (United Kingdom, EDG), member of the *ad hoc* Sub-Committee;

- **Meetings of the plenary Committee in Manchester and London and hearing on integration of new and settled communities in the United Kingdom (13-14 November 2006)**: heard a statement by its Chair on the revised draft programme;

- **Representation of the Committee at various events: Forum 2006 – Achieving social cohesion in a multicultural Europe (Strasbourg, 9-10 November 2006)**: appointed Mr Reymann (France, EPP/CD) - at no cost to the Assembly;

- **Regularisation programmes for irregular migrants (Rapporteur: Mr Greenway, United Kingdom, EDG)**: heard a statement by the Rapporteur and decided to hold a hearing on this issue on 11 December 2006 in Paris;

• **on 5 October 2006, at 2.00 pm**, as regards:

- **Establishment of a European remembrance centre for victims of forced population movements and ethnic cleansing (Rapporteur: Mr Einarsson, Sweden, UEL)**: took position on an amendment to the draft resolution;

- **The image of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers in the media (Rapporteur : Mrs de Zulueta, Italy, SOC)** : took position on the amendments to the draft recommendation;

- **The creation of transit centres outside the European Union (Rapporteur: Mrs Jonker, Netherlands, EPP/CD)**: decided to modify the title of the report as follows: *An innovative and more effective approach for the management of migratory flows (of migrants and asylum seekers)*, and to consider a revised draft report at its meeting in Paris, on 11 December 2006;

- **Work programme**: held an exchange of views on the priorities for 2007 of the work programme of the Committee;

- **Sub-committees: Sub-Committee on Migration**: appointed Mr Stucchi (Italy, NR) as member, to replace Mr Danieli (Italy, ALDE) who resigned;

- **Replies from the Committee of Ministers to texts adopted by the Assembly presented by the Committee**: took note of the reply of the Committee of Ministers to Recommendation 1737 (2006) on *New trends and challenges for Euro-Mediterranean migration policies* and was informed by its Chair of his meeting with the Chairman of the Committee of Ministers' Rapporteur Group on Social and Health Questions in order to strengthen cooperation;

- **Next meetings**: decided to hold its next meetings as follows:

**Plenary Committee :**

- Manchester and London, United Kingdom, 13-14 November 2006
- Paris, 11 December 2006

**Sub-Committee on Migration:**

- Strasbourg, 6-7 November 2006 (participation in the Political Platform of the CDMG)

**Sub-Committee on Population :**

- Budapest, 19-20 October 2006<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> This meeting is open to all members of the plenary Committee