



**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 Athens, on 10 and 11 May 2007, with Mr Henderson (United Kingdom, SOC), Mr Branger (France, EPP/CD) and then Mr Iwiński (Poland, SOC) in the Chair,

As regards:

– **Seminar on the situation of migrants and refugees in Greece:** organised the Seminar, in cooperation with the Hellenic Parliament, with the participation, inter alia, of:

- Mr Vyron POLYDORAS, Minister of Public Order of Greece
- Mr M. Sotirios HATZIGAKIS, Vice-President of the Hellenic Parliament
- Mrs Elsa PAPANIMITRIOU, MP, Chairperson of the Migration Committee of the Hellenic Parliament and Chairperson of the Greek delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly
- Mr Georges KAMINIS, Ombudsman, Greece
- Mr Alexandros ZAVOS, Chairman of the Institute for Migration Policy, Greece
- Members of the Committee on Migration of the Hellenic Parliament
- Representatives of International organisations and NGOs

– **Joint meeting with the Committee on Migration of the Hellenic Parliament:** held an exchange of views with the Committee on Migration of the Hellenic Parliament and adopted a joint Declaration on the creation of a Euro-Mediterranean Migration Observatory in Greece;

– **Situation of longstanding refugees and displaced persons in South-East Europe** (*Rapporteur: Mr Dendias, Greece, EPP/CD*): approved a draft report and adopted a draft recommendation;

– **Activities and orientations of the Council of Europe Development Bank** (*Rapporteur: Mr Propoković, Serbia, EPP/CD*): took note of a preliminary draft opinion and held an exchange of views with Mr Ruiz Ligeró, Vice-Governor of the Council of Europe Development Bank;

– **Assessment of transit and processing centres as a response to mixed flows of migrants and asylum seekers** (*Rapporteur: Mrs Jonker, Netherlands, EPP/CD*): approved a draft report and adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation;

– **Unexpected large scale arrival of migrants and asylum seekers in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Mr Østergaard, Denmark, ALDE*): heard a presentation by the Rapporteur, held an exchange of views on proposals for monitoring procedures and authorised the rapporteur to make fact-finding missions to Italy, Malta and Poland (subject to the availability of funds);

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

– **Regularisation programmes for irregular migrants** (*Rapporteur: Mr Greenway, United Kingdom, EDG*): held an exchange of views on a preliminary draft resolution and a preliminary draft recommendation prepared by the Rapporteur and decided to return to the issue at its next meeting;

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

*Plenary Committee:*

- Strasbourg, during the 3<sup>rd</sup> part of the Session 2007 (25-29 June 2007)
- Strasbourg, during the 4<sup>th</sup> part of the Session 2007 (1-5 October 2007)
- Paris, 14 December 2007

*Sub-Committee on Migration:*

- Antalya (Turkey), 22-23 October 2007

*Sub-Committee on Refugees:*

- Belgrade (Serbia), 29-30 October 2007 – participation in the meeting on the situation of Roma IDPs in Serbia, organised by DGIII (to be confirmed and subject to authorisation by the Bureau)

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