



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

SECRETARIAT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

Synopsis AS/MIG/2007/CB/07

21 November 2007

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population, meeting in Aachen (Germany), on 19-20 November 2007, with Mr Çavuşoğlu (Turkey, EDG) in the chair,

As regards:

– **European Day on Migration and Integration:** took part in the European Day, co-organised with the State of North Rhine-Westphalia, in cooperation with the Charlemagne Prize Foundation and the European Parliament, with the participation, inter alia, of:

- Mr René van der LINDEN, President of the Parliamentary Assembly
- Mr Armin LASCHET, Minister, Ministry of Intergenerational Affairs, Family, Women and Integration, North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany
- Prof. Dr. Rita SÜSSMUTH, Former President of the German Parliament, Member of the Global Commission on International Migration, Germany
- Mr Peter ALTMAIER, MdB, Parliamentary State Secretary, Federal Ministry of the Interior, Germany
- Mrs Nebahat ALBAYRAK, State Secretary for Justice, Netherlands
- Mr Stavros LAMBRINIDIS, Vice-Chair, Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, European Parliament, Greece
- Mr Cem ÖZDEMİR, Member of European Parliament, Germany
- Dr. Jürgen LINDEN, Mayor of Aachen, Germany
- Mr Thomas KUFEN, Commissioner for integration, North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany
- Mr Bekir ALBOGA, Representative for inter-religious dialogue from the Institute of Religion's Turkish-Islamic Union
- Dr. Joel BERGER, Former Chief Rabbi of Württemberg, Professor at Tübingen University and Former Speaker of the Conference of Rabbis in Germany
- Mr Albert GUIGUI, Great Rabbi of Brussels, Permanent Representative of the Conference of European Rabbis with the European Union
- Dr. Herbert HAMMANS, Provost of the Aachen Cathedral, Germany
- His Excellency Longin von KLIN, Archbishop, Representative of the Russian Orthodox Church in Germany
- His Excellency Manfred KOCK, Former Bishop, Former Chairperson of the Council of the Evangelical Church in Germany
- Mr Kemal SAHIN, Sahinler Group Europe, Germany
- A panel of young migrants;

– **The problem of environmental refugees** (*Rapporteur: Mr Bocchino, Italy, EDG*): authorised the rapporteur to take part in the meeting of the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs on Friday, 30 November 2007 in Paris, in the framework of the preparation of his report and 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

- **Migration and mobility in the Eurasian region – prospects for the future:** appointed Mr Iwiński (Poland, SOC) Rapporteur, in replacement of Mr Özal (Turkey, EPP/CD) who resigned;
- **Representation of the Committee at various events:** appointed
 - Hearing on “The situation of Roma in Europe”, organised by the Sub-Committee on Rights of Minorities¹ (Bratislava, Slovakia, 22 November 2007): Mrs Banović (Serbia, EPP/CD), subject to the availability of funds
 - Conference on Sustainable return, asylum systems and border management in the Western Balkans (Dubrovnik, Croatia, 3-4 December 2007): Mrs Banović (Serbia, EPP/CD) and Mrs Jonker (Netherlands, EPP/CD), subject to the availability of funds
- **Other business:**

Composition of the Sub-Committee on Refugees: appointed Mr Kucheida (France, SOC) as alternate of Mr Jacquat
- **Next meetings:** decided to hold its next meetings as follows:

Plenary Committee:

- Paris, 14 December 2007
- Strasbourg, during the 1st part of the Session 2008 (21-25 January 2008)
- Paris or Brussels, March 2008 (*to be confirmed*)

Sub-Committee on Migration:

- Strasbourg, during the 1st part of the Session 2008 (21-25 January 2008)
- Saint Petersburg, 3-4 April 2008 (*to be confirmed and subject to the authorisation by the Bureau*)

Sub-Committee on Refugees:

- Strasbourg, during the 1st part of the Session 2008 (21-25 January 2008)
- Rome, 12-13 May 2008 (*to be confirmed and subject to the authorisation by the Bureau*)

Sub-Committee on Population:

- Strasbourg, during the 1st part of the Session 2008 (21-25 January 2008)

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¹ of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights