

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 Brussels, on 1 and 2 March 2007, first with Mr Çavuşoğlu (Turkey, EDG) and then with Mr Branger (France, EPP/CD) in the Chair,

As regards:

– **Cooperation with the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs of the European Parliament:** heard a statement by Mr Branger, Chair of the *Ad Hoc* Sub-Committee which took part in a Seminar on the new Community Code on Visas in Brussels, on 28 February 2007;

– **European Commission – Recent initiatives in the field of migration and integration:** held an exchange of views with Mr Stefano Bertozzi, member of the Private Office of Mr Franco Frattini, Commissioner responsible for Justice, Freedom and Security;

– **Europe's response to humanitarian disasters** (*Rapporteur: Mr Mooney, Ireland, ALDE*): held an exchange of views with Mr Johannes Luchner, Representative of the Directorate General for Humanitarian Aid (ECHO) of the European Commission and with Mr Sergio Piazzi, Representative of the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), and authorised the Rapporteur to undertake a fact-finding visit to the UN Headquarters in New York in April 2007, in the framework of the preparation of the report (without cost to the Assembly and subject to the authorisation by the Bureau);

– **Situation of irregular migrants:** held an exchange of views with Mrs Michèle Le Voy, Representative of the Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (PICUM);

– **Regularisation programmes for irregular migrants** (*Rapporteur: Mr Greenway, United Kingdom, EDG*): heard a statement by the Rapporteur and authorised him to undertake a fact-finding visit to Italy, in the framework of the preparation of his report (without cost to the Assembly);

– **European Council of Refugees and Exiles (ECRE):** held an exchange of views with Mr Richard Williams, Representative of ECRE;

– **Migration and mobility in the Eurasian region – prospects for the future** (*Rapporteur : Mr Özal, Turkey, EPP/CD*): took note of a memorandum;

– **State of human rights and democracy in Europe** (*Rapporteur for opinion: Mr van Thijn, Netherlands, SOC*): considered a preliminary draft opinion and approved its contribution to the report on the State of human rights and democracy in Europe;

– **Activities of the International Organization for Migration (IOM)** (*Rapporteur: Mrs Hajiyeva, Azerbaijan, EPP/CD*): considered a revised memorandum and held an exchange of views;

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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

– **The situation of elderly persons in Europe** (*Rapporteur for opinion: Mrs Cliveti, Romania, SOC*): held an exchange of views with Mrs Jyostna Patel, Representative of the European Older People's Platform (AGE), considered a report tabled by the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee and approved a draft opinion, as amended;

– **Work programme:**

➤ Appointment of Rapporteurs:

- Migration in Europe: a constant challenge: appointed Mr Preda (Romania, EPP/CD);
- Improving the quality and consistency of asylum decisions in the Council of Europe Member States: appointed Mr Cilevičs (Latvia, SOC);

➤ Representation of the Committee at various events:

- Workshop organised by « La Maison de l'Europe de Paris » on the topic « What is the impact of the migration policies on the national migration policies? First part : Control, readmission agreements, transit camps, asylum right» (Paris, 9 March 2007): appointed Mrs Vermot-Mangold (Switzerland, SOC), without cost to the Assembly;
- Conference « Towards a Euro-Mediterranean Region Full of Chances : Euro Med Free Trade Area 2010 and a common Migration Strategy » (Tunis, 18-19 March 2007): appointed Mr Çavuşoğlu (with subsistence expenses, subject to the availability of funds) and Mrs Cliveti (Romania, SOC), without cost to the Assembly - *subject to the authorisation by the Bureau*;
- 2007 Atlantic Conference on "Migration and Migrant Integration in the Atlantic Region" (Seville, 22-24 March 2007): appointed Mr Çavuşoğlu (with subsistence expenses, subject to the availability of funds);
- Meeting of the CDMG (Strasbourg, 14-15 May 2007): appointed Mrs Bousakla (Belgium, SOC), without cost to the Assembly, and Mr Greenway (United Kingdom, EDG), subject to the availability of funds;
- Conference on "Cyprus three years after EU accession" (Berlin, 25-26 May 2006): appointed interested members of the German delegation, without cost to the Assembly.

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

Plenary Committee:

- Strasbourg, during the 2nd part of the Session 2007 (16-20 April 2007)
- Greece, 10-11 May 2007
- Strasbourg, during the 3rd part of the Session 2007 (25-29 June 2007)
- Strasbourg, during the 4th part of the Session 2007 (1-5 October 2007)
- Paris, 14 December 2007

Sub-Committee on Migration:

- Antalya (Turkey), 11-12 June 2007 (to be confirmed and subject to authorisation by the Bureau)

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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The Ad Hoc Sub-Committee to take part in a meeting of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs of the European Parliament, meeting in Brussels on 28 February 2007 with Mr Branger (France, EPP/CD) in the Chair:

as regards:

“Public Hearing on the New Community Code on Visas”: participated in the hearing organised by the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs of the European Parliament, together with:

- Mr René VAN DER LINDEN, President of the Parliamentary Assembly
- Mr Jerzy BUZEK, Former Prime Minister of Poland
- Mr Henrik LAX, Member of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, Rapporteur

- Mrs Judy BATT, Professor of Central and South-East European Politics, Institute for Security Studies, Paris
- Mr Philippe DE BRUYCKER, Professor, Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB), Odysseus Network
- Mr Johannes DE CEUSTER, Head of Unit, Borders and Visas, DG JLS, European Commission
- Mr Hannu HERNESNIEMI, Research Director of the Research Institute of the Finnish Economy
- Mr Tom JENKINS, Executive Director, European Tour Operators association (ETOA)
- Mr Grahame JUPP, Home Office, United Kingdom
- Mr Peter KISITU, *East-Africa Community Development Association*
- Mr Peter KRAUSZ, International Road Transport Union (IRU)
- Mr Friedrich LÖPER, Chairman of the Visa Working Party, Council Presidency
- Mr Jean-François PACTET, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, France
- Mr Simon PEACHEY, Visas, United Kingdom
- Mrs Anita SZYMBORSKA, Batory Foundation

Mark Neville, Dana Karanjac