



SECRETARIAT

AS/Mig (2016) CB 03
25 April 2016

To the members of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons

Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 18, 19, 20 and 21 April 2016

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, meeting in Strasbourg, with Ms Sahiba Gafarova (Azerbaijan, EC), Mr Zsolt Csenger-Zalán (Hungary, EPP/CD) and Ms Doris Fiala (Switzerland, ALDE) in the Chair,

- on Monday, 18 April 2016 at 2.00 p.m., as regards:

Ms Sahiba Gafarova (Azerbaijan, EC) in the Chair

- **Joint meeting with the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development:** held a hearing on “Missing unaccompanied migrant children” with the participation of Mr Jean-Claude Legrand, Regional Adviser for Child Protection, UNICEF, Geneva, Ms Federica Toscano, Project Officer at the Missing Children Europe NGO, Brussels, and Mr Gert Westerveen, Representative of the UNHCR to the European Institutions in Strasbourg;
- on Tuesday, 19 April 2016 at 2.00 p.m., as regards:
- **Debate under urgent procedure:** further to the Assembly’s decision to hold a debate under urgent procedure and to seize the Committee to prepare a report on “The situation of refugees and migrants under the EU/Turkey agreement of 18 March 2016” (Rapporteur: Ms Tineke Strik, Netherlands, SOC), approved a draft report and adopted a draft resolution as amended;

Mr Zsolt Csenger-Zalán (Hungary, EPP/CD) in the Chair

- **A stronger European response to the Syrian refugee crisis** (Rapporteur: Ms Annette Groth, Germany, UEL): considered and adopted 2 amendments to the draft resolution presented by the rapporteur to be tabled on behalf of the Committee;
- **The impact of European population dynamics on migration policies** (Rapporteur: Ms Kristin Ørmen Johnsen, Norway, EPP/CD): held a hearing with the participation of Mr Gérard-François Dumont, Professor at La Sorbonne, Paris, and Mr Jean-Christophe Dumont, Head of the International Migration Division, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development;

- on Wednesday, 20 April 2016 at 2 p.m., as regards:

Ms Doris Fiala (Switzerland, ALDE) in the Chair

- ***Situation of migration in Jordan***: heard a statement by Mr Andrea Rigoni (Italy, ALDE), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Co-operation with non-European countries of origin and transit and agreed to hold an exchange of views with members of the PACE Partner for Democracy Jordan Delegation on “The situation of migration in Jordan” at the forthcoming meeting of the Committee;
- ***The humanitarian crisis in Gaza*** (Rapporteur: Ms Eva-Lena Jansson, Sweden, SOC): took note of the intention of the rapporteur to organise a hearing on the subject at the forthcoming meeting of the Committee;
- **The situation of refugees and migrants under the EU/Turkey agreement of 18 March 2016** (Rapporteur: Ms Tineke Strik, Netherlands, SOC): took position on 2 amendments tabled to the draft resolution;
- ***A stronger European response to the Syrian refugee crisis*** (Rapporteur: Ms Annette Groth, Germany, UEL): took position on 9 amendments tabled to the draft resolution;
- ***Human rights of refugees and migrants – the situation in the Western Balkans*** (Rapporteur: Ms Tineke Strik, Netherlands, SOC): took position on 5 amendments tabled to the draft resolution;
- ***The humanitarian concerns with regard to captured people during the war in Ukraine*** (Rapporteur: Ms Nellija Kleinberga, Latvia, ALDE): considered and approved an addendum to the report and considered and adopted 4 amendments to the draft resolution presented by the rapporteur to be tabled on behalf of the Committee;
- ***Ad hoc Committee of the Bureau on the situation of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers in Greece***: appointed representatives of the Committee to carry out a fact-finding visit to Greece (30-31 May 2016), see appendix;
- ***Refugees at risk in Greece***: appointed Ms Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC) rapporteur, subject to the referral of this motion to the Committee for report by the Assembly heard from her a declaration of absence of conflict of interest and authorised her to carry out a fact-finding visit to Greece;
- ***Recommendation 2076 (2015) on “Missing persons during the conflict in Ukraine”*** (Rapporteur: Mr Jim Sheridan, United Kingdom, SOC): considered the reply from the Committee of Ministers to Recommendation 2076 (2015);
- ***Seminar on “Alternatives to the immigration detention of children from a legal, practical and implementation perspective” (The Hague, Netherlands, 19 May 2016)***: heard a statement by Ms Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC);

- on Thursday, 21 April 2016 at 2.00 p.m., as regards:

Ms Sahiba Gafarova (Azerbaijan, EC) in the Chair

- ***The humanitarian concerns with regard to captured people during the war in Ukraine*** (Rapporteur: Ms Nellija Kleinberga, Latvia, ALDE): took position on 10 amendments tabled to the draft resolution;
- ***Forced migration: a new challenge*** (Rapporteur: Mr Philippe Bies, France, SOC): took note that no amendment had been tabled to the draft resolution;
- ***Council of Europe activities on migration***: held an exchange of views with Mr Tomáš Boček, Special Representative of the Council of Europe Secretary General on Migration and Refugees;

– **Appointment of a rapporteur for report:**

Integration of refugees in times of critical pressure: learning from recent experience and examples of best practice: appointed Ms Susanna Huovinen (Finland, SOC) subject to a declaration of absence of conflict of interest at the next meeting;

– **How to encourage the migration of international students across Europe:** following Alexander [The Earl of] Dundee's (United Kingdom, EC) appointment on 22 March 2016, heard from him a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;

– **Representation of the Committee at various events:**

Seminar on "Alternatives to detention from a legal, practical and implementation perspective", organised in the framework of the Parliamentary Campaign to End Immigration Detention of Children, 19 May 2016, The Hague, The Netherlands: appointed Ms Doris Fiala (Switzerland, ALDE) subject to the availability of financial resources by the Assembly;

Conference on "Human rights and migrants: Lessons learnt from the recent crisis and the role of international organisations", organised by the Hellenic Society of International Law and the Athens University of Political Studies, with the support of the Permanent Representation of Greece to the Council of Europe and the Directorate of Human Rights of the Council of Europe, 27-28 May 2016, Nafplion, Greece: appointed Ms Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC) subject to the availability of financial resources by the Assembly;

High-Level Conference on "Reaching the heights for the rights of the Child" organised by the Council of Europe, 5-6 April 2016, Sofia, Bulgaria: heard a statement by Mr Manlio Di Stefano (Italy, NR);

– **Next meetings:**

- **Paris**, 3 June 2016
- **Strasbourg**, during the 3rd part-session 2016 (20-24 June)
- **Paris**, 22 September 2016
- **Strasbourg**, during the 4th part-session 2016 (10-14 October)
- **Paris**, 7 December 2016

Agnieszka Nachilo, Penelope Denu, Olga Kostenko, David Milner

cc: Secretary General of the Assembly
 Director General, Director and all staff of the Secretariat of the Assembly
 Secretaries of National Delegations and of Political Groups of the Assembly
 Secretaries of observer and partner for democracy delegations
 Secretary General of the Congress
 Secretary to the Committee of Ministers
 Directors General
 Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe
 Director of the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights
 Director of Communication
 Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe

**Ad hoc Committee of the Bureau on
the situation of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers in Greece
(30-31 May 2016)**

**List of representatives of the Committee on
Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons**

1. Ms Sahiba Gafarova (Azerbaijan, EC)
2. Ms Daphné Dumery (Belgium, NR)
3. Ms Athina Kyriakidou (Cyprus, SOC)
4. Mr Irakli Chikovani (Georgia, ALDE)
5. Ms Annette Groth (Germany, UEL)
6. Ms Vasiliki Katrivanou (Greece, UEL)
7. Mr Manlio Di Stefano (Italy, NR)
8. Mr Andrea Rigoni (Italy, ALDE)
9. Ms Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC)
10. Mr Aleksander Pocij (Poland, EPP/CD)
11. Ms Eva-Lena Jansson (Sweden, SOC)
12. Ms Doris Fiala (Switzerland, ALDE)