



**FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE  
POLITICAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

***Secretariat of the Parliamentary Assembly***

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**The Political Affairs Committee**, meeting in Athens on 9 and 10 June 2003 with Mr Roman Jakič (Slovenia, LDR) in the Chair,

- held on 9 June, in co-operation with the Greek Parliament, a colloquy on the “Political impact of migration flows”, with the participation of:

- Mr Konstantinos **VRETTOS**, Vice-President of the Greek Parliament;
- Mr Georgios **PAPANDREOU**, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Greece;
- Mrs Luisa **LAURELLI**, President of the Social Committee of the Municipal Council of Rome and Vice-Chair of the Committee on Social Cohesion of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of Europe (CLRAE);
- Mrs Ayaan **HIRSI ALI**, Member of Parliament, The Netherlands
- Mrs Çiğdem **AKKAYA**, Deputy Director of the Center for Studies on Turkey (Essen Germany);
- Mrs Nassia **IOANNOU**, Chairperson of the Committee of experts on the implementation of the migration management strategy (MG-FL), European Committee on Migration of the Council of Europe;
- Mrs Marietta **KARAMANLI**, Lecturer at the University of *Le Mans* (France);
- Mr Theodoros **PELAGIDIS**, Professor of Economics, Panteion University (Greece);
- Mr Nicolas **GLYTSOS**, Principal researcher, Center of Planning and Economic Research (KEPE) Greece;
- Mr Martin **BALDWIN-EDWARDS**, Co-Director, Mediterranean Migration Observatory
- Mr Daniel **ESDRAS**, Head of Mission, International Organisation for Migration (IOM) Greece;
- Mrs Savas **ROBOLIS**, Professor, Panteion University (Greece);
- Mrs Rania **STAVROPOULOS**, Responsible for Migration Policy in the Ministry of the Interior of Greece;
- Mrs Luca **KATSELI**, Director of the Development Center of the OCDE

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as regards:

- *Threat posed to democracy by extremist parties and movements in Europe (Rapporteur: Mrs Feric-Vač, Croatia, SOC)*: held an exchange of views based on a preliminary draft report presented by the Rapporteur;
- *Future of democracy (Rapporteur: Mr Wielowieyski, Poland, EPP)*: held an exchange of views based on a preliminary draft report presented by the Rapporteur, asked the Rapporteur to draft a revised version which should be examined at the meeting on 11 September 2003, and asked its Chairman to make a request to the Bureau to extend the validity of the reference;
- *Request for Council of Europe membership: Principality of Monaco (Rapporteur: Mr Slutsky, Russia, SOC)*: heard an oral statement by the Rapporteur on his visit to the Principality of Monaco ( 2 - 3 June 2003), and took note that the Rapporteur would present a memorandum on this subject at the next meeting of the Committee;
- *Conflict dealt with by the Minsk Conference of the OSCE (Rapporteur: Rt. Hon. Terry Davis, United Kingdom, SOC)*: authorised the Rapporteur to go to The Hague to meet the Co-Chairs of the Minsk Group and the personal representative of the Chairman-in-Office of the OSCE (on 11 June 2003), and to visit the region again at an appropriate time;
- *Council of Europe presence in Northern Ireland (Rapporteur: Mr Ouzky, Czech Republic, EDG)*: heard an oral statement by the Rapporteur, authorised him to carry out a visit to the United Kingdom (including Northern Ireland) and the Republic of Ireland, and asked its Chairman to make a request to the Bureau to extend the validity of the reference;
- was informed that the President of the Assembly intends to meet the chairpersons of the committees during the next part-session of the Assembly, and asked its Chairman to keep the Committee informed;
- asked its Chairman to write to the Bureau to express the Committee's wish to present opinions to the debates on *The situation of Palestinian refugees* and on *Political prisoners in Azerbaijan* during the next part-session of the Assembly;
- heard a statement by the Rt. Hon. Terry Davis (United Kingdom, SOC) and by Mr Severin (Romania, SOC) on the 4<sup>th</sup> Stability Pact Parliamentary Conference on "*A new European Union Policy for South Eastern Europe, a Renewed Stabilisation and Association Process and the Perspective for Accession*", organised by the European Parliament (Brussels, 21 - 22 May 2003);
- took note of an invitation by the Chairman of the delegation of Turkey to hold a meeting of the Committee and, possibly, a colloquy in May 2004 in Turkey;
- *Nomination of rapporteurs*
  - o *Convention on the future of Europe and the Council of Europe*: Mr Pangalos (Greece, SOC), subject to the decision of the Assembly to hold a debate under urgent procedure;
  - o *Situation in Kazakhstan*: Mr Iwinski (Poland, SOC);
  - o Decided that, henceforth, whenever there is more than one candidate for a report, the Committee would proceed to the nomination after having heard a statement by the candidates;
- *Dates and places of next meetings*:
  - Strasbourg, 23 - 27 June 2003 (3<sup>e</sup> Part-Session 2003)
  - Paris, 11 September 2003

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