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(First part)

SEVENTH SITTING

Thursday 26 January 2006 at 3 p.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Mr René van der Linden, President of the Assembly, took the Chair at 3.05 p.m.

1. ATTENDANCE REGISTER

The names of the Representatives, Substitutes and Observers who signed the attendance register are given in the Appendix.

2. MINUTES

The Assembly agreed the minutes of the fifth sitting.

3. POLICY OF RETURN FOR FAILED ASYLUM SEEKERS IN THE NETHERLANDS

The Report of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population on the policy of return for failed asylum seekers in the Netherlands (Doc. 10741) was presented by Mrs Rosmarie Zapfl-Helbling, Rapporteur.

The President welcomed Mrs Rita Verdonk, Minister for Integration and Immigration of the Netherlands.

Mrs Verdonk addressed the Assembly.

The President thanked Mrs Verdonk.

The debate was opened.

Speakers: Mrs Renate Wohlwend, Mr Morten Østergaard, Mr John Greenway, Mr Leo Platvoet, Mr Ed van Thijn.

Mrs Rita Verdonk, Minister for Integration and Immigration of the Netherlands responded to the debate.

Mr Tony Lloyd, a Vice-President of the Assembly, took the chair in place of Mr René van der Linden.

Speakers: Mr Artashes Geghamyan, Mme Fatma Pehlivan, Mrs Jelleke Veenendaal.

Mrs Rosmarie Zapfl-Helbling, Rapporteur, and Mr Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, Chairperson of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population, replied to the debate.

The debate was closed.

The Assembly agreed to the draft resolution contained in Doc. 10741 (*Resolution 1483 (2006)*).

Mr Bernard Schreiner, a Vice-President of the Assembly, took the chair in place of Mr Lloyd.

4. THE CONCEPT OF "NATION"

The Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights on the concept of "Nation" (Doc. 10762) was presented by Mr György Frunda, Rapporteur.

The debate was opened.

Speakers: Mr Luc Van den Brande, Mrs Svetlana Smirnova, Mr Lluís Maria de Puig, Mr Vojtech Tkáč, Mr André Schneider, Mr Martin Raguž, Mr Aydin Mirzazada, Mr Sergei Ivanov, Mr Jacques Legendre, Mr Christopher Chope, Mr Jean-Charles Gardetto, Mr Adrian Severin, Mr Pedro Agramunt.

Mr György Frunda, Rapporteur of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, and Mr Dick Marty, Chairperson of the Committee, replied to the debate.

The debate was closed.

The Assembly considered the draft recommendation contained in Doc. 10762.

An amendment (No. 1) was proposed by Mr György Frunda, Mr Christos Pourgourides, Mr Andreas Gross, Mr Boriss Cilevičs, Mrs Elene Tevdoradze, Mr Mátyás Eörsi, Mr Luc Van den Brande, in the draft recommendation, before paragraph 17, to insert the following paragraph:

"The Assembly refers to its Recommendation 1201 (1993), 1255 (1995), 1285 (1996) and 1345 (1997) and once again clearly reiterates its recommendation to the Committee of Ministers that an additional protocol be drawn up to the European Convention on Human Rights, setting minimum standards, binding on all member States, for the rights of national communities or minorities and enabling them to truly develop their identity, and which would become a binding instrument for the European Court on Human Rights."

Speakers: Mr Luc Van den Brande, Mr Christopher Chope, Mr Dick Marty.

The amendment was not agreed to.

The Assembly agreed to the draft recommendation contained in Doc. 10762 (*Recommendation 1735 (2006)*).

5. DATE, TIME AND ORDERS OF THE DAY OF THE NEXT SITTING

The next sitting was fixed for Friday 27 January at 10 a.m. with the following orders of the day:

1. Relocation of economic activities abroad and European economic development

- Debate and vote on a draft resolution.

2. Implications for Europe of the economic resurgence of China

- Debate and vote on a draft resolution with amendments.

3. Draft protocol on the avoidance of statelessness in relation to state succession

- Debate and vote on a draft opinion with an amendment.

4. Constitution of the Standing Committee

The sitting was closed at 5.50 pm.

APPENDIX

Representatives or Substitutes who signed the Attendance Register in accordance with Rule 11.2 of the Rules of Procedure. The names of Substitutes who replaced absent Representatives are printed in small letters. The names of those who were absent or apologised for absence are followed by an asterisk.

AÇIKGÖZ, Ruhi
 ADAM, Ulrich*
 AGRAMUNT, Pedro
 AHLQVIST, Birgitta*
 ALITI, Rafis*
 ANDRÉ, René/Pozzo di Borgo, Yves
 ANTTILA, Sirkka-Liisa
 ARIAS, Miguel*
 ÁRMANNSSON, Birgir*
 ARNAUT, José Luis*
 ARRIGO, Robert*
 ARZILLI, Giuseppe*
 ATEŞ, Abdülkadir
 AYDIN, Hüseyin-Kenan*
 AZZOLINI, Claudio
 BADRÉ, Denis*
 BANAC, Ivo*
 BARGHOLTZ, Helena/Lindblad, Göran
 BARNETT, Doris
 BARTUMEU CASSANY, Jaume
 BATET, Meritxell*
 BECERRIL, Soledad*
 BEMELMANS-VIDEC, Marie-Louise/van Thijn, Ed
 BENDER, Ryszard
 BENEŠ, Miroslav*
 BERCEANU, Radu-Mircea*
 BERDZENISHVILI, Levan*
 BĚRZINŠ, Andris*
 BIANCO, Gerardo*
 BIBERAJ, Alexandër*
 BİLGEHAN, Gülsün*
 BJØRNSTAD, Vidar*
 BOCCHINO, Italo*
 BOKERIA, Giorgi*
 BONDARENKO, Olena
 Van den BRANDE, Luc
 BRAUN, Márton*
 BREEN, Patrick*
 BRESTENSKÁ, Beáta
 BROSBØL, Kirsten*
 BURLISON, Lord*
 ÇAVUŞOĞLU, Mevlüt
 CEBECİ, Erol Aslan
 CHIKHRADZE, Pikria*
 CHOPE, Christopher
 CHRISTMAS-MØLLER, Pia*
 CHRISTODOULIDES, Doros*
 CILEVIČS, Boriss*
 CIRCENE, Ingrīda
 CLIVETI, Minodora
 COLLAVINI, Manlio*
 COLOMBIER, Georges*
 CONTESTABILE, Domenico*
 CORTAJARENA, Elvira
 COSARCIUC, Valeriu
 COŞKUNOĞLU, Osman*
 CSÁKY, András
 CUBREACOV, Vlad
 CZINEGE, Imre*
 DAVERN, Noel*
 DEBONO GRECH, Joseph*
 DEES, Dirk
 DEITERT, Hubert*
 DEMIRCHYAN, Stepan/Geghamyan, Artashes
 DEVÍNSKY, Ferdinand
 DIACOV, Dumitru
 DONABAUER, Karl*
 DROMBERG, Kaarina
 DURRIEU, Josette*
 DZHABRAILOV, Umar/Oskina, Vera
 ELO, Mikko
 EÖRSI, Mátyás*
 ERR, Lydie*
 ETHERINGTON, Bill
 EVIN, Claude*
 EXNER, Václav
 EYMER, Anke*
 FARKAS, Ivá*
 FARRÉ SANTURÉ, Joan Albert*
 FEDOROV, Valery*
 FENECHIU, Relu/Miutescu, Gheorghe Adrian
 FERNÁNDEZ SORIANO, María Emelina*
 FILIPIOVÁ, Daniela*
 FLYNN, Paul*
 FOSS, Per-Kristian*
 FRÍÐLEIFSDÓTTIR, Siv*
 FRIMANNSDÓTTIR, Margrét*
 FRUNDA, György
 GABURRO, Giuseppe*
 GACEK, Urszula*
 GARDETTO, Jean-Charles
 GASÓLIBA, Carles*
 GEDEI, József
 GILMORE, Eamon*
 GIRZYŃSKI, Zbigniew*
 GJUL, Gunn Karin
 GLÁVAN, Stefan
 GLESENER, Marcel*
 GOERENS, Charles/Hauptert, Norbert
 GOLDBERG, Pierre*
 GORIS, Stef*
 GRACHEV, Vladimir*
 GREBENNIKOV, Valery*
 GRIGNON, Francis*
 GROSS, Andreas*
 GRZYB, Andrzej*
 GÜLÇİÇEK, Ali Rıza
 GUSENBAUER, Alfred/Lindinger, Ewald
 HADŽIAHMETOVIĆ, Azra/Neimarlija, Hilmo
 HAGBERG, Michael
 HAIBACH, Holger*
 HAJIYEVA, Gultakin*
 HANCOCK, Michael
 HENRY, Jean-Pol/Pehlivan, Fatma
 HERKEL, Andres

HIMMER, Harald*
HLADIY, Mykhailo*
HÖFER, Gerd*
HÖGMARK, Anders G.*
HOOPER, Gloria*
HÖRSTER, Joachim
HURSKAINEN, Sinikka
HUSEYNOV, Ali/Mirzazada, Aydin
HUSEYNOV, Rafael
IANNUZZI, Raffaele*
ILAŞCU, Ilie*
ILICALI, Mustafa
INCEKARA, Halide
INNOCENTI, Renzo/Abbondanzieri, Marisa
ISLAMI, Kastriot
IVANOV, Ivan*
IVANOV, Sergei
IVANOVSKI, Igor*
IWIŃSKI, Tadeusz*
JACOBSEN, Bjørn*
JAHIC, Elmir*
JAŘAB, Josef*
JÁUREGUI, Ramón/Blanco, Jaime
JAZŁOWIECKA, Danuta*
JUNG, Armand*
JURGENS, Erik
KAIKKONEN, Antti
KALANOVIĆ, Verica*
KALEZIĆ, Ivan*
KARAPETYAN, Karen*
KARPOV, Oleksandr*
KARSKI, Karol*
KATSELI, Eleonora*
KIRILOV, Evgeni*
KLYMPUSH, Orest*
KNIGHT OF COLLINGTREE, Jill*
KOROBEYNIKOV, Anatoliy/Smirnova, Svetlana
KOSACHEV, Konstantin
KOSTENKO, Yuriy*
KOSTYNUK, Bohdan
KOVALEV, Nikolay*
KOVALEV, Yuri*
KRSTEVSKI, Zoran*
KUCHEIDA, Jean-Pierre*
KUCLER-DOLINAR, Mojca*
LACHNIT, Petr/Kužvart, Miloš
LALOY, Marie-José*
LAMBERT, Geert
LANDRAIN, Édouard*
LAVTIŽAR-BEBLER, Darja*
LEGENDRE, Jacques
LEIBRECHT, Harald*
LEPPER, Andrzej*
LEUTHEUSSER-SCHNARRENBERGER, Sabine*
van der LINDEN, René/Platvoet, Leo
LINTNER, Eduard*
LLOYD, Tony
LOBKOWICZ, Jaroslav
LOUTFI, Younal*
MALINS, Humfrey/Greenway, John
MANZELLA, Andrea*
MARGELOV, Mikhail*
MARKOWSKI, Tomasz*
MARQUET, Bernard*
MARTINS, Alberto/Dias Fernandes, Abilio
MARTY, Dick
MASI, Tito*
MASSERET, Jean-Pierre*
MATUŠIĆ, Frano*
McCAFFERTY, Chris*
MEALE, Alan
MEIMARAKIS, Evagelos*
MELČÁK, Miloš*
MELNIKOV, Ivan*
de MELO, Maria Manuela
MENDES BOTA, José
MERCAN, Murat*
MESSERSCHMIDT, Morten*
MIĆUNOVIĆ, Dragoljub
MIGNON, Jean-Claude*
MIHKELSON, Marko*
MIKHAILOVA, Nadezhda*
MIKUTIENĖ, Dangutė/Vareikis, Egidijus
MILIĆEVIĆ, Ljiljana
MILO, Paskal*
MILOJEVIĆ, Goran*
MIMICA, Neven*
MOKRY, Vladimir*
MONFILS, Philippe
MOTA AMARAL, João Bosco
MULAS, Giuseppe*
NACHBAR, Philippe
NAKASHIDZÉ, Nino*
NARO, Giuseppe*
NAROCHNITSKAYA, Natalia*
NEGELE, Gebhard
NÉMETH, Zsolt*
NIJS, Annette/Veenendaal, Jelleke
NIKOLIĆ, Tomislav
NIKOLOPOULOS, Nikolaos/Bougas, Ioannis
OCCHETTO, Achille*
O'HARA, Edward*
OHLSSON, Carina
ÖHMAN, Conny/Westerlund Panke, Majléne
OLIYNYK, Boris*
ØSTERGAARD, Morten
ÖZAL, İbrahim*
PADILLA, Julio*
PANGALOS, Theodoros*
PAPADIMITRIOU, Elsa
PASHAYEVA, Ganira*
PERNASKA, Lajla
POSTOICO, Maria
POTRATA, Majda*
POURGOURIDES, Christos*
PREDA, Cezar Florin
PROVERA, Fiorello*
PUCHE, Gabino
de PUIG, Lluís Maria
PULLICINO ORLANDO, Jeffrey*
PUPOVAC, Milorad/Antunović, Željka
PYSARENKO, Anatoliy*
QUESADA, Adoración*
RAGUŽ, Martin
RAKHANSKY, Anatoliy*
RAU, Zbigniew
REIMANN, Maximilian*

REYMANN, Marc
 RIESTER, Walter
 RIGONI, Andrea*
 RIVOLTA, Dario*
 ROCHEBLOINE, François
 ROSEIRA, Maria de Belém
 RUPPRECHT, Marlene*
 RUSSELL-JOHNSTON, Russel*
 RUSTAMYAN, Armen
 RUŽIĆ, Branko*
 RUZZANTE, Piero*
 RYBAK, Volodymyr*
 ŠAMI, Zoran*
 SCHIEDER, Peter*
 SCHMIED, Walter
 SCHMITT, Ingo/Fischer, Axel
 SCHNEIDER, André
 SCHREINER, Bernard*
 SEVERIN, Adrian
 SEVERINSEN, Hanne
 SEYIDOV, Samad*
 SHARANDIN, Yuri*
 ŠILEIKIS, Gintaras/Staponkienė, Aldona
 SLUTSKY, Leonid
 SMITH, Geraldine*
 SOBECKA, Anna/Fetlińska, Janina
 SPINDELEGGER, Michael
 STĂNOIU, Rodica Mihaela*
 STANTCHEVA, Darinka*
 STATI, Sergiu/Pasecinic, Arcadii
 STEENBLOCK, Rainer*
 STRÄSSER, Christoph
 SUDARENKOV, Valeriy*
 SYMONENKO, Petro*
 SZABÓ, Zoltán*
 TEKELIOĞLU, Mehmet
 TEVDORADZE, Elene*
 TIMMERMANS, Frans
 TKÁČ, Vojtech
 TOMLINSON, John
 TOROSYAN, Tigran
 ULRICH, Alexander*
 URBÁNI, Milan
 VAKSDAL, Øyvind/ Duesund, Åse Gunhild Woie
 VARVITSIOTIS, Miltiadis*
 VERA JARDIM, José*
 VERMOT-MANGOLD, Ruth-Gaby/Dupraz, John
 VĚSAITÉ, Birutė
 VIS, Rudi
 VOSGANIAN, Varujan*
 VRETTOS, Konstantinos*
 WALTER, Robert*
 WILLE, Paul
 WILSHIRE, David*
 van WINSEN, Bart
 WODARG, Wolfgang*
 WOHLWEND, Renate
 WRIGHT, G.V./Mooney, Paschal
 WURM, Gisela
 YOTOVA, Iliana*
 ZACCHERA, Marco*
 ZAPFL-HELBLING, Rosmarie*
 ZAREMBA, Krzysztof/Wach, Piotr
 ZAVGAYEV, Akhmar*

ZHEVAGO, Kostyantyn*
 ZHIRINOVSKY, Vladimir*
 ZINGERIS, Emanuelis*
 ZIUGANOV, Guennady*
 ŽIŽIĆ, Zoran*
 de ZULUETA, Tana*
 ŽUŽUL, Miomir/Lelić, Ruža
 Vacant seat AZE*
 Vacant seat CY*

ALSO PRESENT

Representatives and Substitutes not authorised to vote

ALAY FERRER, Vicenç
 KANELLOPOULOU, Krinio

Special Guests

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Observers

MILNE, Lorna

Others

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