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PROGRAMME

MIGRATION: TOWARDS A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH (in Spain)

Monday 8 – Wednesday 10 October 2007

890th WILTON PARK CONFERENCE

In partnership with Euroforum, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Manpower and the Ministerio de Trabajo y Asuntos Sociales

What are the most effective migration strategies for the future? Is there scope for further collaboration between states? How to balance the needs of sending and receiving countries? What can be learnt from the experience of the Maghreb countries? How important are public perceptions of migration? What are the links between migratory movement and human rights? How best to strengthen the links to development policies? How should states respond to irregular migrants? What can be learnt from effective integration programmes?

MONDAY 8 OCTOBER

- 1600-1615 **Welcome and introduction to the conference**
Julia PURCELL
Programme Director, Wilton Park, Steyning
- Manuel ALONSO PUIG**
Director General, Euroforum, El Escorial
- 1615-1645 **1 WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES & HOW CAN THEY BE MET?**
- THE MAGHREB & BEYOND: A PERSPECTIVE FROM SPAIN**
Consuelo RUMI
Minister of State, Immigration & Emigration, Ministry of Labour, Madrid
- 1645-1730 **2 A GLOBAL ISSUE WITH GLOBAL SOLUTIONS?**
- THE UK PERSPECTIVE**
Baroness AMOS
Former Leader of the House of Lords; Former Secretary of State for International Development, London
- 1730-1815 Photograph and Tea
- 1815-1945 **3 A COMPREHENSIVE EUROPEAN APPROACH: A REAL POSSIBILITY OR AN IMPOSSIBLE DREAM?**
What are the prospects for further European co-operation?; What are the strategies for the future?; What issues are raised by bi-lateral agreements between countries and how will these impact on the multi-national framework?; How to avoid the lowest common denominator; How to serve the best interests of states and their populations?
- Guido LENZI**
Diplomatic Adviser, Ministry of Interior, Rome

Martin SCHIEFFER

Head of Sector, Immigration, European Commission, Brussels

2000 Reception hosted by:

Denise HOLT

British Ambassador, Madrid

2100 Dinner

TUESDAY 9 OCTOBER

0900-1030

4 CAN SECURE BORDERS BE BALANCED WITH SAFE PASSAGE?

How effective is interception and what are the costs?; where is the balance between safeguarding borders and protecting human rights?; Who should exercise border controls and which state has ultimate responsibility?; What are the particular implications of maritime borders?; What are the issues arising from data sharing?; how to ensure compatible standards between states?

Session Chair:

Heaven CRAWLEY

Senior Lecturer, University of Wales

Nicholas BLAKE

Queen's Counsel; Legal Expert, Civil Liberties, Human Rights & Immigration, Matrix Chambers, London

José Felipe HERNANDEZ

Chief-Superintendent, General Commissary for Alien Citizen Affairs and Documentation, Spanish National Police Force, Madrid

1030-1100 Coffee

1100 - 1230

5 CAN MIGRATION BE MANAGED: WHAT CAN BE LEARNT FROM THE EXPERIENCES OF SENDING & RECEIVING COUNTRIES?

How do international policies and frameworks impact on sending and receiving countries?; How far can they be applied at an operational level?; Is there scope for more effective co-operation between governments?; How are migrants affected?; How important are public perceptions of migration in sending and receiving countries?; Is there a need to shift the terms of the debate from short-term to sustainable solutions?

Session Chair:

Jeff CRISP

Head, Policy Development and Evaluation, UNHCR; Former Director, Policy and Research, Global Commission on International Migration, Geneva

Christopher HEIN

Director, Italian Council for Refugees, Rome

Anil MALHOTRA

Supreme Court Counsel; Legal Practitioner, Malhotra & Malhotra Associates, Chandigarh

1230-1400

Optional Excursion to the Monastery, El Escorial

1400-1600

Lunch

1600-1730

6 DEVELOPMENT: HOW TO IMPROVE POLICY COHERENCE

How can host countries balance labour needs with unregulated movements of people?; Are there more effective ways of maximising skilled and unskilled migrant labour to support economic development?; What schemes would promote migration patterns that meet the needs of sending and receiving countries?; Is there a case for cherry-picking?; What about circular migration?; How effective are temporary migration programmes?

Session Chair:

María Ángeles ASENJO

Spokesperson, Spanish Confederation of Business Organisations (CEOE) ; Director, International Department, National Confederation of Construction (CNC), Madrid

Meera SETHI

Senior Regional Adviser, Sub Saharan Africa, External Relations Department, International Organisation for Migration (IOM), Geneva

Julio RUIZ

Executive Secretary, Migration Policy, Confederacion Sindical de Comisiones Obreras (CCOO), Madrid

1730-1830

7 INTEGRATION & SOCIETY: WHAT CAN BE LEARNT FROM THE DIFFERENT MODELS?

How to ensure effective integration?; What are the best practice models for strong community cohesion?; Why do absorption rates differ from country to country?; How to assess the impact on infra-structure and services and ensure adequate resources are in place?; What role do religion and culture play in effective integration?; What about the role of non-governmental bodies?; How to balance rights and responsibilities of migrants?

Introduced in the Conference Room.

Estrella RODRIGUEZ

Director-General for Integration, Department of Immigration and Emigration, Ministry of Labour & Social Affairs, Madrid

Liz WESTMORELAND

Regional Manager, Yorkshire and Humberside Consortium for Refugees and Asylum Seekers, Leeds

Elizabeth McISAAC

Executive Director, Toronto Region Immigrant Employment Council (TRIEC), Toronto

Ana María CORRAL

Head of Migration Department, Unión General de Trabajadores, Madrid

1830 - 1845

Tea

1845 - 2000

8 DISCUSSION GROUPS. INTEGRATION & SOCIETY: WHAT CAN BE LEARNT FROM THE DIFFERENT MODELS?

Based on Session 7 presentations
In Break-out Rooms

2030

Drinks Reception

2100

Conference Dinner

WEDNESDAY 10 OCTOBER

0900-0930

9 REPORTS FROM DISCUSSION GROUPS

0930-1100

10 WHAT ARE THE OPTIONS FOR IRREGULAR MIGRANTS?

How do irregular migrants fit into organised programmes?; What about rights and entitlements?; How can people be helped to return voluntarily?; What are the options for people who cannot return?; What about undocumented cases?

Session Chair:

Julia FERNÁNDEZ QUINTANILLA

Director, Catholic Commission's Association for Migration (ACCCEM), Madrid

Matthew COATS

Senior Director - Asylum, Border Immigration Agency, London

Ignacio DÍAZ DE AGUILAR

President, Spanish Commission for the Assistance of Refugees (CEAR), Madrid

- 1100-1130 Coffee
- 1130-1230 **11 HOW FAR IS STATE SECURITY AN ISSUE?**
Does migration constitute a threat to the security of states?; How can this best be tackled?; Are the responses of states proportionate to the scale of the problem?; What are the links between migration and organised crime and how can they be countered? How far is public perception a factor?
- Jeff CRISP**
Head, Policy Development and Evaluation, UNHCR; Former Director, Policy and Research, Global Commission on International Migration, Geneva
- Amna IMRAN KHAN**
Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Interior, Islamabad
- General Francisco GABELLA**
Commander, Guardia Civil Fiscal & Borders Command; Acting Director, Canaries' Regional Coordination Centre (CRCC), Madrid
- 1230-1400 **12 CLOSING SESSION: FUTURE STEPS**
- Panel Discussion**
- Chaired by:**
Denise HOLT
British Ambassador, Madrid
- Hania ZLOTNIK**
Director, Population Division, United Nations, New York
- Bernardo SOUSA**
Head of Cabinet, High Commission for Immigration and Intercultural Dialogue, Lisbon
- Esteban CONEJOS Jr.**
Undersecretary for Migrant Workers Affairs, Department of Foreign Affairs, Pasay City
- Bernardino LEÓN**
Minister of State, Foreign Affairs, Madrid
- Lunch
- 1500 Departure of Airport Transport