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NGOS : UNDOCUMENTED PERSONS' RIGHTS IN PARTY PROGRAMMES

On 28 July, NGOs sent a letter to the programme committees of the political parties. In it, they asked to take undocumented persons into account when preparing the party programmes.

The letter discusses the importance of the continuation of the National Points of Recourse for Foreign Nationals (*Landelijke Vreemdelingen Voorziening, LVV*), requests commitment to the Human Dimension in case of residence permits, shelter for undocumented persons with psychological problems, solutions for stateless persons and the creation of alternative migration routes, for instance for work. See the letter [here](#).

1. ADMISSIONS POLICY

HRC: Albania offers no protection in honour-related violence

This case concerns an Albanese woman who had been married off by her family to a Servian man. She flew back to her family because of domestic abuse, but was threatened there, too. Denmark denied her request for asylum. But the UN Human Rights Council HRC finds that Denmark has taken the existence of honour killings, corruption in the police force and lack of women's shelters in Albania insufficiently into account. See [here](#).

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW): no protection of Iranian women because of patriarchal society

This case concerns an Iranian woman who fled to Switzerland with her partner, because of domestic abuse by her father. CEDAW, the committee for the protection of women's rights, observes that Iran is a patriarchal country with few rights for women and that courts rarely intervene in case of domestic abuse. Switzerland should have taken this into account in its assessment. See [here](#).

CoS: entry visa for Moroccan child born before the marriage of a Chavez-mother

This case concerns a Moroccan mother who received a visa in the Netherlands because of her Dutch child (Chavez-visa). Her Moroccan child that stayed behind also wants to join his mother in the Netherlands, but his application was denied. The Council of State finds that the IND has insufficiently taken the fact that the mother cannot visit Morocco into account. That is why the Moroccan son must get a entry visa to the Netherlands. See [here](#).

Court: residence permit for the mother of an intellectually disabled adult Dutch son

This case concerns a Moroccan mother with a 19-year old Dutch son. He is intellectually disabled and functions at the level of a 2-year old. He is devoted to his mother. The court finds that the son is to be considered a minor and that the mother, in her capacity as his caring parent, is to get a Chavez residence permit to look after her son in the Netherlands. See [here](#).

2. WHAT'S ON

Sign up for the European Citizens Initiative: Dignity in Europe

The treatment of migrants in the European Union (EU) often contravenes the principles of human dignity, a fundamental value of the Union. Since the Union is "a space of freedom, safety and justice, in which the basic rights are observed", we, European citizens, request that the EU *ensures that migrants, as soon as they enter the EU territory, get a dignified reception, compatible with the basic rights accorded to everyone, in keeping with the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union (CFREU) and international law.* See [here](#).

Sign up for the European Citizens Initiative: Stop Border Violence

We demand the protection of migrants or asylum seekers by:

- the establishment of monitoring mechanisms to detect and stop violations of fundamental rights and acts that violate human dignity, both at the borders and within the common European area;
- the withdrawal from international agreements on the control of migration flows with third countries guilty of serious human rights violations, and NOT to conclude such agreements in the future;
- the establishment of minimum standards of reception applicable to all Member States and for the entire period of residence of people in their territory;
- the possibility of specific sanctions in the event of a breach of EU rules.

As European citizens, we say: stop the our governments' denial of the values expressed in the founding Charter of the Union. See [here](#).

Landecker Democracy Fellowship: Call for Applications related to the theme of *Democracy and the Politics of Memory*.

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The deadline to apply for the Fellowship is August 6, 2023. See [here](#).

Since 2003, the LOS Foundation (National Undocumented Migrants Support Centre Foundation) has been the knowledge centre for people and organisations who provide assistance to migrants without residence permits ('undocumented migrants'). The LOS Foundation is committed to the basic rights of these migrants and their children.