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## REPORT FEMALE ASYLUM SEEKERS

Asylum Aid is a British refugee organisation that has been investigating the position of female refugees. According to Asylum Aid women in Europe are protected by the Istanbul Treaty and by the Victim Directive, but these standards are not applied to female refugees. In many cases they fall victim to criminal offences and sexual violence. Asylum Aid advise that female refugees be issued more extensive information, have access to female civil servants and translators and that managers with power of decision over them should have more insight into refugees' experiences with violence and that a culture of disbelief is replaced by an assumption of belief and a culture of protection. You will find more information here.

#### 2. ADMISSION POLICY

#### Court of Appeal: individual assessment required for income requirement

This case concerns an ill man who is receiving assistance benefit. He has not been fully disabled for five years yet, but documentation shows that there is no prospect for improvement and that he does not need to apply for work. The Court of Appeal have stated that the five-year requirement is not binding and that there is sufficient evidence that the man cannot meet the income requirement (Court of Appeal Amsterdam, AWB 15/14679, 21.12.15).

#### 3. CHECK AND DETENTION

#### Court of Appeal: extradition to Morocco possible

In spite of the awkward negotiations with the Moroccan authorities on the social security payments to Moroccan migrants the signs indicate that extraditions to Morocco are still possible. In this case the Dutch Removal and Deportation Service have said that two Laissez-Passers have been issued during the past two months, one for voluntary return and one for forced return. Talks with the new consul have been resumed. The court are of the opinion that extradition still belongs to the possibilities. You will find more information <a href="here">here</a>.

### 4. ACTIVITIES

Manifestation Welkom Hier [Welcome in the Netherlands], 7 February 12-17 hours the Hague In various ways many volunteers in the region have been making a real effort for refugees in various ways: they provide language lessons, teach Syrian people to ride a bike, collect clothes and other items or exercise together. There are also many people who would like to contribute something but where to start? Others wonder 'What do I think of the arrival of refugees in my city?' These and many more questions will be addressed during this manifestation.

#### International conference of refugees & migrants 26. – 28.2.2016 Hamburg/Germany,

This self-organized conference aims at empowering existing and developing new networks of refugees as well as creating the possibility to analyse the current situation in Germany and Europe. Join the most important voices in the struggle of refugees and migrants at the conference in order to develop concrete suggestions to improve the situation. Everybody is welcomed to be active: refugees, migrants, activists and interested people from Hamburg, and other german and European cities and regions.

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