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SIGN THE PETITION FOR THE RATIFICATION OF THE ILO PROTOCOL AGAINST SLAVERY

Currently there are more people in slavery than at any other time in history. There are over 21 million children, women and men living in modern slavery, three out of every 1,000 people worldwide. Not only in poor countries. There are over 1.5 million people working in slavery-like conditions in Europe, North America, Japan and Australia. Most of the people in slavery work in industries such as agriculture, fishing construction, manufacturing, mining, utilities and domestic work. Around one in five are victims of sexual exploitation.

Support the international treaty to end modern slavery for good.

<http://50forfreedom.org/>

1. BASIC RIGHTS

Central Court of Appeal: non-mandatory assistance benefit cannot be recovered later on

This case concerns the recovery of assistance benefit during proceedings about the withdrawal of a residence permit.

The Central Court of Appeal have stated that the entitlement to assistance benefit is to be continued up to the appeal stage and that the entitlement to benefit is will be terminated after the appeal. The municipal authorities had been informed about the negative ruling concerning the appeal, but they decided to continue the payment of the benefit. It was only after the negative ruling of the Council of State that the municipal authorities decided to withdraw the benefit with retroactive effect with respect to the last two years.

The Central Court of Appeal have made it clear that the municipal authorities have 6 months to discontinue the assistance benefit. The correspondence pertaining to this case has shown that the municipalities had consciously chosen to continue paying the benefit during this period. Therefore these authorities are not allowed to reclaim this benefit retroactively. You will find more information [here](#).

Central Court of Appeal: no benefit for Dutch child who lives with grandmother due to lack of evidence concerning financial situation

This case concerned an application for assistance benefit for a Dutch child. The child and her mother (without residence permit) are staying with the grandmother.

The Central Court of Appeal have decided that the Dutch child is not entitled to assistance benefit because the grandmother is assumed to be able to maintain her. Unfortunately the grandmother had not provided solid details concerning her financial situation for this case, so these details could not be taken along in the considerations. Information concerning the income situation of the father, who should pay alimony, was also lacking.

Therefore the Central Court of Appeal have ruled that the Dutch child is not entitled to assistance benefit. You will find more information [here](#).

2. ADMISSION POLICY

Council of State: possible options for residence permit for westernized Afghan girls

Westernized Afghan girls have given a possibility to apply for a residence permit, because their return would entail unwarranted risks. The Council of State have made it clear that this is a regular application that is not taken into consideration in asylum procedures. A separate application has to be submitted for this purpose. You will find more information [here](#).

However, during a special hearing the Court of Appeal have decided that the western lifestyle of Afghan women should be considered an asylum request, because this lifestyle has to be viewed as a type of 'belief' or an 'expression of opinion'. (Court of Appeal Arnhem (MK), 16/735 and 16/732, 18.1.16).

Court of Appeal: temporary provision Court of Justice concerning right of residence with Dutch child

It is still the case that the Court of Justice of the European Union has to provide a ruling about the conditions under which an illegally residing parent of a Dutch child is to be granted right of residence. An important for the ruling is the question which care obligation can be imposed upon the Dutch parent. You can read the questions [here](#).

Awaiting the ruling of the Court of Justice this judge is of the opinion that the mother cannot be expelled. You will find more information [here](#).

3. CHECK

IOM: Voluntary return in 2016 increased considerably

In 2016 4,500 migrants returned voluntarily with the support of the IOM. This is almost twice as much as during the previous years. The most important return countries are Albania (776), Iraq (499), Mongolia (449), Ukraine (526), Serbia (440). You will find the complete survey [here](#) and the figures concerning 2016 [here](#).

4. ACTIVITIES

Vacancy co-ordinator Harriet Tubman House (voluntary job, 16 hours per week)

The Harriet Tubman House provides shelter for women and children who have no residence permits. The house is run exclusively by volunteers. The job of co-ordinator is an unpaid job as well.

www.harriettubmanhuis.nl

Two vacancies FairWork Amsterdam

For a project aimed at tracking down the exploitation of labour and supporting victims FairWork are looking for a [PROJECT CO-WORKER](#) (24 hours per week, responding before 29 January).

FairWork prefer applicants from a migrant background.

In addition FairWork are looking for an [ADMINISTRATIVE/SECRETARIAL CO-WORKER](#) m/f (20 hours per week, respond before 28 January).

Opening greenhouse in the Corvershof - shelter and accommodation for people in need, Amsterdam, 30 January 12-15 hours

A greenhouse has been placed in the court of the Corvershof at the Diaconie in order to be able to provide relief for the great number of undocumented migrants who seek refuge in the [Wereldhuis](#).

A special lunch will be served during the opening on 30 January. In addition both the *Wereldhuis Fusion band* and the choir of homeless people the *Straatlinkers* will give a performance.

Registration before 27 January at: info@diaconie.org.