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COALITION AGREEMENT: FEWER ASYLUM SEEKERS IN NL BECAUSE OF RECEPTION IN THE REGION

- Refugees deserve protection. It is preferred that protection is offered in the region close to the homes that people have had to flee. The Netherlands actively contributes to creating and maintaining safe and adequate shelter in their region. The Netherlands aims for agreements with safe third countries, which materially meet the conditions set down in the Geneva Convention on Refugees regarding reception and repatriation of asylum seekers, both domestic and from other countries in their region.
- It is established through an asylum procedure whether a person is granted access to this secure reception in his or her region. Henceforth it is possible to qualify for resettlement. UNHCR and Unicef will be provided with funds for and access to reception and education.
- Once these measures have been realised, the need to continue migrating will decrease. As a result, people who still continue migrating will, on principle, fail to qualify for protection in their countries of preference. Following a short procedure, they can be sent back to reception in their region of origin. If the asylum seeker thinks he or she will run specific unacceptable risks in the regional reception, he or she will be given the opportunity during this short procedure to present individual circumstances. Attention will be emphatically paid to specific vulnerable groups.

You can read the coalition agreement [here](#) (Dutch only)

1. BASIC RIGHTS

CRvB: Dutch mother with partner without residence right has no right to social assistance

The Dutch Administrative High Court (CRvB) has ruled that a woman with an undocumented partner should have reported her relationship to social services. She failed to do so. Neither has she provided any insight into her partner's income. For those reasons, she has no right to social assistance, not even according to the single parent norm. See [here](#) (Dutch only).

2. ADMISSION POLICY

IND: actual care relationship is decisive for residence with Dutch child

The decision by the European Court of justice in the Chavez case has resulted in a new policy for admitting Dutch children's parents without residence permits. According to the Immigration and Naturalisation Service (IND)'s instructions, the undocumented parent can also be given a status 'if two parents can and intend to take care of the child. It is important (in view of the child's interests) whether the third-country parent plays a role in the actual care for the Dutch child. This role does not need to comprise the structural, permanent day-to-day care. It does include the actually filled, real parental role, in which the parent takes part in the care for his or her child.' (17.7.17)

DT&V: statement on passport is requisite to assessment re accessibility medical care

Since the judgment by the European Court of Human Rights in the Paposhvili case, the actual accessibility of medical care is decisive in case of an application for a permit on medical grounds. Now, the Repatriation and Departure Service (DT&V) is asking aliens submitting such an application to hand in their passports in order to facilitate assessing the accessibility of medical care. This makes the procedure inaccessible to many aliens. Neither is it logical, as the DT&V does not assess the accessibility of medical care by itself. See the [form](#) (Dutch only) on the INLIA website.

3. CHECK AND DETENTION

Court: 2-month punishment due to residence following exclusion order

The court has condemned an alien who has been residing in the Netherlands following an exclusion order to two months in jail. See [here](#) (Dutch only).

4. ACTIVITIES

HVO-Querido / CoMensha: Human trafficking victim identification and counselling to safe future training, 30 and 31 Oct

Human trafficking is rife, including in the Netherlands, but it is not always easy to recognise the signals. Where can you go if you meet a potential victim? And how do you discuss the future with your clients, especially if the chances of a permanent residence permit appear to be slim?

The training on 30/10 addresses early identification, while the training on 31/10 focuses on openly discussing a safe future with clients, including the possibility of a safe and lasting return.

Participation is free of cost, you can register through CoMensha: A.vanderHoeven@comensha.nl

Commemoration migrants dying at sea, 5Nov 5-6 p.m. Hermitage Amsterdam

On this Sunday (following All Souls' Day), we shall dwell on the deaths of the countless unknown people at the external European borders, as well as on our own systematic disregard for all misery caused by the strict border surveillance. We shall do so between 5-6 p.m. on the Amstel landing stage in front of the Hermitage. Prior to the commemoration, there will be an information session at the Wereldhuis, right behind the Hermitage. <http://noelhuis.nl/agenda/>

New opening hours Steungroep Vrouwen zonder Verblijfsvergunning

SVZV is now open four times per month for consultation hours: the first two Wednesdays of each month and the last two Fridays of each month from 2-5 pm.

We also have a new mobile number for use outside office hours: +31(0)6-39179806

Petition: STOP FORCED RETURN TO UNSAFE AFGHANISTAN!

The political situation in Afghanistan continues to worsen, and the country is extremely unsafe. That is why the Dutch government should stop evicting Afghan asylum seekers who have exhausted all legal remedies. Sign the [petition](#) (In Dutch)!