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DOKTERS VAN DE WERELD [DOCTORS OF THE WORLD]: PETITION FOR SHELTER AND ACCOMMODATION FOR EVERYONE

People who have no guarantees of being provided with good shelter and accommodation are surviving, from one day to the next; they cannot even think about return or departure. Shelter and health care are human rights, irrespective of your country of origin. According to our own Courts additional requirements to the enforcement of these rights cannot be imposed.

There is no time to lose; the situation is dire and it is now up to the State to act. Cabinet, will you please provide funds for help today with which the homeless can be helped tomorrow. Money is needed for shelter, during the day and the night and irrespective of the season. Please eliminate practical obstacles, offer more beds and storage space for personal effects. Please sign the petition.

BASIC RIGHTS

<u>Court of Appeal: children from a bigamous marriage can be acknowledged and be granted the father's nationality</u>

This case concerned a man with dual Moroccan/Dutch nationality who has two wives. His second marriage is not legally valid in The Netherlands. He has acknowledged the children from his second marriage and wants to apply for Dutch passports for them.

According to the Court Ruling the father should be allowed to acknowledge the children and therefore to apply for passports for them as well. In accordance with the Court Ruling the acknowledgement of children is allowed, irrespective of the marital status of the parent. You will find more information here.

ADMISSION POLICY

Policy: penalties referents and migrants

In many cases, migrants have to be invited by a referent. The referent can be a partner, an employer or the school. Recently the Secretary of State has implemented a new policy to impose fines in case the referent or the migrant does not comply with the obligations that ensue from the sponsorship. According to the policy rules individual interests should always be taken into consideration. A permit cannot be revoked without good reasons. A first case of breach of the rules will be followed by a warning.

The amount of the penalty depends on the severity of the breach of the rules and amounts to a maximum of \le 1,500 for natural persons. You will find more information <u>here</u>.

<u>Court of Appeal: no asylum for woman with refugee status in Malta and husband with refugee status in The Netherlands</u>

This case concerned a woman who has refugee status in Malta. She has a partner who has refugee status in The Netherlands and she carries his child. She has applied for a permit in The Netherlands. According to the Court it has not been proven that the man cannot be issued a permit in Malta so that they can be together there. (Court of Appeal Amsterdam, NL20.1102 en NL20.1103, 14.2.20).

Court of Appeal: admission of partner with severely ill Dutch husband

This Moroccan woman has applied for a residence permit in order to obtain legal residence with her elderly Dutch husband. He needs her care because he has bone cancer, must undergo regular checks at the oncologist and the anticoagulation clinic and he has a bad heart condition. The woman is already living in The Netherlands and is being treated for psychological problems at Equator. According to the Court it is evident that the care required by the husband is not available in Morocco and that the woman is not capable of arranging this care for her husband. You will find more information here.

ACTIVITIES

Walk of Shame 9 April- 9 May, Athens - Trieste

Groups of Europeans walk the strenuous route over the Balkan from Greece to Italy through Macedonia, Serbia, Bosnia, Croatia and Slovenia. They will provide a daily report through a live video connection. In addition throughout Europe events will be organised and you can join from home as well. You will find more information at https://wegaanzehalen.nl/.

Stichting Founded in 2003, the LOS national foundation for undocumented migrants (Landelijk Ongedocumenteerden Steunpunt) is the knowledge centre for people and organisations providing assistance to undocumented migrants. The LOS foundation is devoted to the basic rights of these migrants and their children.