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INFORMATION ON THE CORONA MEASURES IN VARIOUS LANGUAGES

The Government has developed <u>posters</u> in Arabic, English, Papiamentu, Polish, Spanish and Turkish on these measures and advice to prevent Corona from spreading.

The Red Cross website offers <u>flyers on the Corona virus</u> with information on the general precautionary measures, in Arabic, English, Portuguese, Turkish and Dutch. Short videos on Corona in various languages.

GGD North East Gelderland has prepared short <u>videos</u>. With the assistance of an interpreter/key person, a health specialist offers information and advice in the following languages: Arabic, Berber, English, Farsi, French, Kurdish/Kurmanji, Polish, Romanian, Somali, Tigrinya and Turkish.

1. BASIC RIGHTS

Court: Because there is no proof of impending homelessness, the partner is not awarded legal residence. This woman with children has applied for a residence permit with her partner. The IND has turned down the application and the objection has been declared unfounded. The case is now before the Court. But during that phase, the woman has no 'legal residence' and as a result, her partner no longer receives any allowances. The woman asks to Court to grant temporary 'legal residence', pending the appeal case, to prevent that she and her children become homeless.

The Court states that, firstly, the woman will not be deported in the near future and that the family unity comes first. Therefore, the entire family would be deported.

Secondly, the Court decides that the loss of the allowances is the intention of the Dutch policy, and that the threat of the family actually becoming homeless has not been proven yet. That is why the woman will not receive legal residence pending the appeal case. See here.

Minister of Migration: amendment to the Regulations on Provisions for Certain Categories of Aliens (*Rvb*) for children of human trafficking victims.

The Rvb is intended to offer unlawful aliens a financial safety net on rare occasions. For instance, children in an admission procedure. See here for more information on the Rvb.

The Minister now extends the Rvb target group to include the group of children of human trafficking victims who have not received a final decision yet. See the new scheme here.

2. ADMISSIONS POLICY

<u>Court:</u> no independent residence after residence with partner when prior cohabitation is less than five years.

This woman has been living with her partner since 2010, part of the time in Brazil and part of the time in the Netherlands. She wants to divorce but has applied for an independent residence in advance. The IND has turned that down, because prior to her application, she has not resided as a partner in the Netherlands for five years. The Court agrees. Her partner's drug use and the children's interest do not play any role in this procedure yet, as she still has a valid residence permit with her partner. See here.

<u>Court (Multi-judge division): naturalisation not possible in case of residence with Dutch child</u>
This woman, with a residence permit with a Dutch child, applied for Dutch citizenship. The IND has turned this down and the Court agrees. The residence permit is 'of a temporary nature' and can never lead to naturalisation. (Court of Amsterdam (Multi-judge division), AMS 19/1728, 06/04/2020)

3. WHAT'S ON?

GREVIO: Istanbul Convention and COVID-19

We are pleased to announce the launch of a dedicated resource page on information on national measures taken to prevent and combat domestic, sexual and gender-based violence, and to mitigate the impact of the COVID 19 pandemic on equality between women and men. Look here.

Crowdfunding Migrant Domestic Workers

Because of the Corona crisis, thousands of Migrant Domestic Workers have lost their work and income in one fell swoop. MDW have no fall-back options, no access to social security and face the impossible task to stay afloat. Many are at risk of becoming homeless. This crowd funding action has been started by the MDW's active union members, to relieve the extreme distress. See here.