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DEMONSTRATION 22 SEPT: NO POWER TO HATRED!

Now that the first PVV cabinet has been installed, the Netherlands has a far-right government. This imperils our ideals of solidarity and fairness. For this government will commit to destroying these ideals. A society that welcomes everyone? A country without racism, where a safe climate is more important than profits? Not if the new government gets its way.

That is why resisting now is vital. Oppose racism, Muslim hatred, antisemitism, LGBTQ+ hatred. Stand up for minorities and anyone who is being threatened by far-right breakdown politics. In short: no power to hatred! Join the battle and come to the Amsterdam Spui on 22 September to demonstrate together that this new government is not speaking on our behalf.

We are asking persons and organisations to [sign](#) the call for the demonstration.

BASIC RIGHTS

Court: in case of 'medical treatment' status COA facilities cease if status holder lives with family

This case concerns a seriously ill Shri Lankan woman who is living with family. At first suspension of departure had been granted on the basis of Article 64, when COA, the Agency for the Reception of Asylum Seekers, provided her with insurance and pocket money. After one year, this was changed to a medical treatment status. COA holds it is no longer obliged to make provisions; now the municipality is responsible. The judge finds for COA. See [here](#). (Dutch only)

ADMISSION POLICY

Court: Following relationship breakup, children are granted indefinite status, mother status with children

This case concerns a mother who was granted a status with her partner in the Netherlands, together with her children. The relationship was broken after 3 years, and the children were granted indefinite status on humanitarian grounds. Now, the mother has applied for a permit with her children, who are dependent on her. The judge finds the children's status is illusory if the mother is not granted a status herself – as the children are dependent on her. The Immigration and Naturalisation Service (IND) has to reconsider. See [here](#). (Dutch only)

Court: In weighing risks of return ill mother + daughter, take into account consequences for parental care

In this case, a mother and daughter hold they cannot return to their country of origin, as the requisite care is not available there. The judge holds that the mother will be less able to fill her mother role upon return, which will harm the daughter. Moreover, mother and daughter should be heard about the consequences of any return. See [here](#). (Dutch only)

Court: No return option Kenyan sisters, left behind in Kenya, but residing there

This case concerns two sisters who lived in the Netherlands legally for 8 years. In 2014, their father took them to Kenya against their will and against the wishes of Dutch child welfare. The sisters were aged 16 and 17 at the time, and fragile. Later, the father came back to NL, leaving them behind. Now, the sisters wish to return to NL themselves.

The judge sees no opportunity to grant this. By now, the sisters have lived in Kenya for 8 years; one of them has a family of her own. The fact that they – contrary to promises – were not allowed to go to school in Kenya and that their opportunities there are worse than in NL is no reason for a residence permit. See [here](#). (Dutch only)

ACTIVITIES

Online Hearing: Violence against women as a human rights issue, 15 July 10-13hrs

The hearing will gather stakeholders from civil society and institutions to look into the various forms of violence against women and girls that are not covered by 2024 Directive on gender violence. The objective will be to provide a perspective that truly contemplates a common comprehensive policy against gender-based violence, offering a comprehensive and effective strategy against this violation of

human rights within the framework of the Union. Reflexions will feed into an Own-Initiative Opinion by the EESC FRRL Group. See [here](#).

COE Expert Council on NGO law: [Civil society support to refugees and other migrants in Europe: The need to end the backlash on civil society space](#)

This thematic study explains how civil society space in Europe is adversely impacted by policies to deter refugees and other migrants from accessing Europe. It assesses the impediments imposed on non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and solidarity networks who provide humanitarian and related support to those arriving either by sea or by land, as well as to those who have already arrived. Such humanitarian and related support reflects the vital role civil society organisations play in fostering the fundamental values of human rights, democracy and the rule of law and it is protected by freedom of association among other rights.

Since 2003, the LOS Foundation (the Dutch acronym for 'Landelijk Ongedocumenteerden Steunpunt') has been the knowledge centre for people and organisations providing assistance to undocumented migrants. LOS Foundation devotes itself to the basic rights of these migrants and their children.