

Statement of interpretation on Article 19§2

In its interpretation of this paragraph, the Committee considered that its requirements concerning health services, medical attention and hygienic conditions devolving upon the Contracting States relate only to journeys by migrant workers and/or their families, between the country of origin and that of destination; this paragraph therefore does not oblige the Contracting States that have accepted it to take any such measures either before or after such journeys.

As regards, more particularly, actions taken to facilitate the reception of immigrants, the Committee found that the first reports submitted by the governments concerned related almost exclusively to purely administrative measures and, as often as not, made no reference to the social and human aspect of the problem, which, in the Committee's view, is of capital importance.