



## PRESENTATION BY THE SECRETARIAT

# 1st meeting of the Drafting Committee on Migrant Women (GEC-MIG) Held virtually, 1-2 October 2020

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## Why - Aims

Update the 1979 recommendation and include new elements that the committee will discuss and analyse

## Who - Title & groups covered

- ✓ All migrant, refugee and asylum seeking women and girls.
- ✓ Some groups may require different treatment in the body of the recommendation
- ✓ A more “active” title? “Protecting the rights of...”?

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## How

### Preamble

- ✓ Usually rather short (2-3 pages)
- ✓ Reasons for adopting a new recommendation and its objective(s)
- ✓ Recall all relevant commitments/standards

### Operational part

- ✓ Usually a few paragraphs
- ✓ Broad objective of the recommendation referring to the guidelines
- ✓ Monitoring
- ✓ Dissemination

### Appendix / guidelines

- ✓ Definitions?
- ✓ Listing of measures recommended for member states

## Proposed content of guidelines / appendix (1)

- ✓ Include **all topics included in the needs assessment**
- ✓ Take into account **“new” themes** mentioned by speakers and observers /**issues particularly stressed**
- ✓ **Provisional grouping under 5 headings:**
  - Horizontal issues
  - Arrival
  - Protection
  - Residence and integration
  - Return

## Proposed content of guidelines / appendix (2)

### General/Horizontal issues:

- ✓ Discrimination/intersectionality/stereotypes
- ✓ Access to justice including legal aid (including issues of credibility)
- ✓ Access to information about rights / empowerment
- ✓ Training of relevant staff on GE issues/standards
- ✓ Detention

### Arrival:

- ✓ Pre-arrival information
- ✓ Reception arrangements (accommodation, access to information...)
- ✓ Asylum procedures

### Protection

- ✓ Victims of violence against women and domestic violence
- ✓ Victims of trafficking in human beings
- ✓ Asylum procedures and guidelines

## Proposed content of guidelines / appendix (3)

### Residence and Integration

- ✓ Access to services, including healthcare
- ✓ Well-being and cultural issues
- ✓ Social and political participation
- ✓ Safeguards in respect of pandemics and other types of crisis
- ✓ Education, qualifications (including language courses, digital skills, recognition of diplomas and skills...)
- ✓ Independent residence permits
- ✓ Integration
- ✓ Family reunification
- ✓ Artificial intelligence

### Returns

- ✓ Returns policies
- ✓ Non-refoulement

## Next steps & working methods

- ✓ Preparation of **meeting report**
- ✓ Report by GEC-MIG chair, discussion and guidance at the **GEC meeting on 22-23.10.2020**
- ✓ Preparation of a **draft “skeleton” of a draft CM Rec.** along the agreed basis for the December meeting:
  - Draft of the preamble
  - Draft operational part
  - Draft structure for the annex
- ✓ **Proposal to be sent to GEC-MIG members** for comments before the December meeting
- ✓ Welcome proposals from committee members as to **presentations for future meetings**
- ✓ **Second meeting** of drafting Committee on **14-15 December 2020**

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Protecting the rights of migrant,  
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Gender Equality Strategy