

The following appendix does not form part of ECRI's analysis and proposals concerning the situation in Norway.

## **APPENDIX**

ECRI wishes to point out that the analysis contained in its second report on Norway, is dated 10 December 1999, and that any subsequent development is not taken into account.

In accordance with ECRI's country-by-country procedure, a national liaison officer was nominated by the authorities of Norway to engage in a process of confidential dialogue with ECRI on its draft text on Norway and a number of his comments were taken into account by ECRI, and integrated into the report.

However, following this dialogue, the national liaison officer expressly requested that the following observations on the part of the authorities of Norway be reproduced as an appendix to ECRI's report.

### ***OBSERVATIONS PROVIDED BY THE AUTHORITIES OF NORWAY CONCERNING ECRI'S REPORT ON NORWAY***

Re para 2:

"The European Convention on Human Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights were incorporated into Norwegian Law, by Act of 21 May 1999. According to the Act, the said instruments, together with their Protocols, shall apply as statutory law insofar as they are binding on Norway and shall prevail over any other conflicting statutory provision."

Re para 17:

"Norwegian authorities want to underline that the assertion in para 17 last period that foreign women who have been abused by their Norwegian husbands may be deported if they are divorced is positively wrong. On the contrary, women who have had permits in Norway, based on matrimony or cohabitation, no matter of the nationality of their spouse, will have the right to have their permit renewed, despite the breach of cohabitation. The condition is that they (or their child) have been ill-treated while the partners were living together. There are no conditions either regarding the length of the cohabitation, the extension of the abuse or that the spouse is Norwegian. Recently, new directions concerning the woman's explanation about the abuse were given. According to these, her version shall be accepted, unless there is a reason to mistrust it."

Re para 27:

"An official report on women's health in Norway (NOU 1999:13) states that many immigrant women meet a very alien culture, find themselves cut off from their accustomed social set-up and still have the main responsibility for looking after the close relationships in their own families. Some have been victims of abuse and torture in their

home countries. Illness and life-crises can be aggravated by language problems. To provide better and more accessible health care services for immigrant women, activities will be initiated, based amongst others on the recommendations given in the report.”