

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

GENDER EQUALITY COMMISSION (GEC)

18th meeting

VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE

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Presentations and Exchanges

- Recommendation Recommendation No. R(79)10 concerning women migrants;
- Discussion document;
- Exchanges with relevant CoE sectors: ECtHR; Officer of the Commission for Human Rights; GREVIO.
- Exchanges with 3 migrant women's NGOs: European Network for Migrant Women; DaMigra; Plurielles.

Possible scope & structure of draft Recommendation

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
- ✓ Needs of specific groups
- ✓ 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)

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 (2)

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...)
- ✓ Employment
- ✓ Independent residence permits
- ✓ Integration
- ✓ Family reunification
- ✓ Artificial intelligence

Returns:

- ✓ Returns policies
- ✓ Non-refoulement

Thank you!

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/genderequality/drafting-committee-on-migrant-women>