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
22 October 2020

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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...”? 
Possible scope & structure of draft Recommendation

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