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Human Rights in The Netherlands

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Situation in The Netherlands – Asylum and Migration

- **Previous recommendations:** Several states recommended to improve the protection of migrants and combat discrimination.
- **Developments:**
 - Discouragement policy;
 - Influx of migrants, understaffed executive organisations;
 - Influence of housing crisis;
 - Circumstances in reception centres are inhuman and below all standards.



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Recommendations – Asylum and Migration



- **The NJCM urges the government to:**

- Provide for sufficient accommodation and avoid unnecessary delays.
- Ensure that executive organisations are structurally prepared for increases in the migration influx.
- Provide for additional points of entry.



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Situation in The Netherlands – The Human Rights Infrastructure

- **Previous recommendations:** Several states and the human rights committee recommend to (sign and) ratify the Optional Protocols to the ICESCR, CRC and CPRD.
- **Developments:**
 - *Access to justice* – Optional Protocols have not been ratified yet.
 - *Consultation of civil society* – Insufficient time for consultation, lack of dialogue.
 - *Education* – Amendment of the national law on citizenship education. No curriculum reform yet.



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Recommendations – The Human Rights Infrastructure

- **The NJCM urges the government to:**
 - (Sign and) ratify the Optional Protocols to the ICESCR, CRC and CPRD without further delay.
 - Involve civil society in law- and policy-making, provide organisations with sufficient time and create dialogue.
 - Ensure that human and children´s rights are well represented in the school curriculum and involve civil society actors in the process of drafting the new curriculum.



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Thank you!

On behalf of the NJCM

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