

**Recommendations Made to
Costa Rica on Migration and
Refugee Issues**

1

Intensify efforts to protect the fundamental rights of and access to essential services for migrants and refugees.

Indonesia

2

Enhance measures to safeguard the fundamental rights and welfare of all migrants.

Nepal

3

Continue enhancing measures aimed at combating discrimination, particularly by investigating and punishing aggressions and discriminatory and xenophobic attitudes against migrants and refugees.

Argentina

Intensify efforts to **protect the fundamental rights** of and access to essential services for migrants and refugees

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Recognition of refugee status takes 4 to 5 years; there is no accelerated procedure.

2

Ongoing presidential reforms that restrict access to international protection and other rights for migrants.

3

Lack of access to economic, social, and cultural rights.

4

Limited options for migrant regularization and inadequate protection for migrants.

5

Lack of a clear regulatory framework for protecting the rights of migrant agricultural workers.

6

Bilateral migration management agreements with ineffective results.

Continue enhancing measures aimed at **combating discrimination**, particularly by **investigating and punishing aggressions and discriminatory and xenophobic attitudes** against migrants and refugees

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In 2023, there was a 50% increase in hateful and discriminatory messages and conversations against migrants and refugees on social networks.

2

Increase in stigmatizing, discriminatory, and criminalizing narratives from high-level authorities.

3

Lack of investigation into crimes and persecution committed against the Nicaraguan migrant and refugee community.

Recommendations:

- Promote specialized regulatory frameworks that ensure the protection of the rights of migrants and individuals in need of international protection.
- Intensify efforts to ensure access to international protection and to regulate the status of irregular migrants.

Recommendations:

- Intensify efforts to combat discrimination by effectively investigating and sanctioning xenophobic attacks and behaviors.

Recommendations made to Costa Rica on the protection of judicial independence

No specific recommendations have been made to date.

The importance of issuing these **recommendations**:

1

Increased acts of harassment and delegitimization against operators. Increased risk of co-optation of the justice system.

2

Appointment processes for judgeships do not meet international standards for merit-based appointments.

3

The high concentration of administrative functions within the Supreme Court of Justice weakens access to justice.

4

Need for effective guarantees to protect judicial independence and for the regulation of the selection and appointment process for judges.

Recommendations:

- Develop mechanisms to ensure the effective protection of judicial independence for magistrates and judges.
- Regulate the process of selecting and appointing magistrates using objective, motivated, and transparent criteria in accordance with international norms, principles, and standards.

