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UPR Switzerland

Südwind is very disappointed that Switzerland has rejected the recommend to ratify the 1961 Convention on the reduction of statelessness. The case of asylum seekers in Switzerland is also of a grave concern for us. One of our colleagues here, Hassan Talebi, a Medical student in the Isfahan University and political secretary of the student union (Daftare Tahkim Vahdat) in the same university, fled Iran after he was arrested several times and was sentenced to 5 years. He fled Iran in October 2007 and entered Greece. Due to special circumstances of this country, he claimed asylum in Switzerland afterwards, however he was told that he will be deported to Greece. He then traveled to France and stayed there more than one year without being able to claim for asylum when Netherlands and some other countries state that people who arrive from Greece will not be deported to from the country. So he claimed for asylum in Netherlands and was deported to Switzerland again. Since then, i.e. 2011 he is waiting for a reply. He has left Iran in 2007 and he is still not recognized as an asylum. He is not allowed to continue his education meanwhile or to learn German in higher levels.

We are also disappointed that the recommendation to provide suitable accommodation for all asylum seekers is rejected by Switzerland.