HUMAN RIGHTS IN NORTH MACEDONIA

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ISSUE 1 – CHALLENGIES FOR REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NORTH MACEDONIA

- 1. Strengthen the decision-making authority's capabilities to ensure the high quality processing of asylum claims.
- 2. Revise legislation to enable asylum seekers to acquire personal identification number and access labor market during the whole duration of the asylum procedure, including appeal procedures.
- 3. Adopt and implement a Strategy for Integration of Foreigners and Refugees.



ISSUE 2 – DETENTION AND MOVEMENT OF MIGRANTS

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NORTH MACEDONIA

- 1. Children should not be detained in any grounds.
- 2. Implement alternatives to detention for migration-related reasons, with particular emphasis on utilizing these alternatives, especially for children.
- 3. The authorities should respect the legal procedures for readmission and expulsion of third-country nationals.



ISSUE 3 - PRISON CONDITIONS

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NORTH MACEDONIA

1. The state should implement structural reforms to improve the situation and conditions in penitentiary institutions, and to ensure effective access to medical healthcare and treatments for convicted persons.



ISSUE 4 - STATELESSNESS

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NORTH MACEDONIA

1. North Macedonia to establish a national statelessness determination procedure and protection status in law and in line with good practice to give full effect to the rights enshrined in the 1954 Convention to stateless people in North Macedonia, including residence rights.

