



Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality
The Chair

17.7.2020

Mr Juan Fernando López Aguilar
Chair
Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs
BRUSSELS

Subject: Opinion on the Implementation of the Dublin III Regulation (2019/2206(INI))

Dear Mister Chair,

Under the procedure referred to above, the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality has decided to submit an opinion to your committee. At its meeting of 4 December 2019, the committee decided to send the opinion in the form of a letter.

The Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality considered the matter at its meeting of 16 July 2020. At that meeting¹, it decided to call on the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions into its motion for a resolution.

Yours sincerely,

Evelyn Regner

¹ The following were present for the final vote: Evelyn Regner (Chair), Robert Biedroń (Vice-Chair), Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield (Vice-Chair), Evelyn Regner (rapporteur for opinion), Elena Kountoura, Eugenia Rodríguez Palop (for GUE/NGL), Isabella Adinolfi (for NI), Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Frances Fitzgerald, Cindy Franssen, Livia Járóka, Arba Kokalari, Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska, Christine Schneider, Elissavet Vozemberg Vrionidi (for EPP), Karen Melchior, Samira Rafaela, María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Hilde Vautmans, Chrysoula Zacharopoulou (RE), Robert Biedroń, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Helène Fritzon, Lina Gálvez Muñoz, Maria Noichl, Pina Picierno, Evelyn Regner (for S&D), Gwendoline Delbos Corfield, Pierrette Herzberger Fofana, Diana Riba i Giner, Ernest Urtasun (for Greens/ALE), Derk Jan Eppink, Andželika Anna Możdżanowska, Jessica Stegrud (for ECR), Simona Baldassarre, Isabella Tovaglieri, Christine Anderson, Annika Bruna (for ID) pursuant to Rule 209(7).

SUGGESTIONS

- A. Whereas women and girls account for a high share of vulnerable asylum seekers, as they are often subjected to multiple forms of discrimination and all forms of gender based violence, trafficking and exploitation in their countries of origin, transit and destination, namely before getting a documented status;
1. Stresses the importance to detect and take into consideration women and girls' needs throughout the entire asylum procedure; calls for specific psychological help and access to sexual and reproductive rights for women who experienced trauma and namely gender-based violence (including emergency contraception, safe abortion services and HIV post-exposure prophylaxis) as well as the need for gender sensitive training for all actors across the asylum process including law enforcement and immigration caseworkers;
 2. Is extremely concerned by the persistent gender-based violence perpetrated namely towards women, transgender people and all people experiencing violence because of their gender identity and/or sexual orientation which needs to be addressed to protect fundamental rights; condemns the use of coercive measures by law enforcement officials when implementing Dublin transfers reported in several Member States, whereby asylum seekers were handcuffed, sedated and subject to police violence; emphasises that women, particularly pregnant women, women with new-borns, women with disabilities and elderly women as well as LGBTI+ asylum-seekers are especially vulnerable and face long-term consequences;
 3. Condemns the detention of asylum seekers and considers paradoxical the application of detention measures to victims of violence seeking asylum and considers it essential to avoid detention of pregnant women and women with new-borns, in the best interest of the physical and mental health of both mother and child; stresses that alternatives to detention should be actively explored and that violence-related asylum claims should be dealt with in a way that protects women and girls from secondary victimisation;
 4. Reminds that the right to family life is essential, particularly with a view to their future life prospects including integration, and thus adequate tracing of family members in the EU MS for relevant family member information with a view to family reunification within the Dublin III procedure for the determination of the Member State responsible to the asylum claim is crucial.

FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

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GUE/NGL	Elena Kountoura, Eugenia Rodríguez Palop
NI	Isabella Adinolfi
PPE	Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Frances Fitzgerald, Cindy Franssen, Lívia Járóka, Arba Kokalari, Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska, Christine Schneider, Elissavet Vozemberg-Vrionidi
Renew	Karen Melchior, Samira Rafaela, María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Hilde Vautmans, Chrysoula Zacharopoulou
S&D	Robert Biedroń, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Helène Fritzon, Lina Gálvez Muñoz, Maria Noichl, Pina Picierno, Evelyn Regner
Verts/ALE	Gwendoline Delbos Corfield, Pierrette Herzberger Fofana, Diana Riba i Giner, Ernest Urtasun

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ECR	Derk Jan Eppink, Andżelika Anna Możdżanowska, Jessica Stegrud
ID	Simona Baldassarre, Isabella Tovaglieri, Christine Anderson, Annika Bruna

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+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention