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UPR: Cyprus

Sudwind regrets that Cyprus, unlike the first cycle of UPR, has hold back to the views on the recommendations received until 11th June.

Lots of recommendations were on the situation of migrants and asylum seekers.

We welcome the measures taken and promises given regarding asylum seekers. Yet in this world refugee day, we would like to stress that the situation of asylum seekers in Cyprus has not changed. The life of those in hunger strike is in danger although they begun to drink fluid due to the promise of Minister of Interior, Mr Hasicos.

To prevent harsh attacks to asylum seekers, such as what happened at 12th July 2011 at the detention center in Larnaca we recommend more human rights trainings for police forces as well as detention center personnel and all those who are somehow in connection with asylum seekers due to their job. We also recommend ratification of of ICRMW.