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Sudwind regrets that New Zealand, unlike the first cycle of UPR, has hold back to the views on the recommendations received until the beginning of this session.

Immigration and asylum are some of the important issues that New Zealand, which is mainly governed by immigrants, is confronted with.

Although New Zealand accepted some recommendations on the right of the immigrated children and elders and has withdrawn the reservation on article 2 of the convention on the rights of the child, yet the government has lost the good possibility to accept the Czech Republic's recommendation not to concede asylum seekers' transfer to detention centers in third countries.

Not favoring this recommendation can lead to critical situation in life of many asylum seekers as we have witnessed elsewhere about the Iranian asylum seekers.

We would like to insist that by considering the situation of people who have fled their own country and their own homes and seek refuge in New Zealand, this country inquire the asylum procedures in the country.

Rejection of all recommendations regarding accession, signature and ratification of ICRMW, shows the lack of strong will to support immigrants and their families.