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The Dutch Council for Refugees and the Leiden Institute of Immigration Law kindly invite you to the symposium

External migration policies and the rights of refugees

At the Plenary Hall of the Senate (Eerste Kamer) of the Dutch Parliament

Friday 10 June 2011

Traditional asylum policies of European States focus on granting protection to a refugee by admitting him to their territory and abstaining from expulsion. Increasingly however, European States designate *foreign* territories as the *primary* place of protection. Attempts are undertaken to process asylum applications outside Europe and to build protection capacities in regions of origin. In parallel, deterrent mechanisms are put in place to prevent undocumented migrants from arriving at the EU external border: fishing boats carrying undocumented migrants are intercepted at the high seas, passports are checked at foreign airports and African border guards are trained and equipped under EU funding mechanisms.

The symposium questions how these policies affect the internationally protected status of refugees. Through what avenues can the European Union contribute to refugee protection globally? Is protection outside Europe a viable alternative? How should the EU cope with mixed flows of refugees and other undocumented migrants? The symposium brings together politicians, policy makers, academics and experts working in the field for a public discussion.

PROGRAMME (preliminary):

9.30–10.30

- Registration, Tea/Coffee
- Welcoming address by Tineke Strik (Member of Dutch senate)
- Introduction by chairs Pieter Boeles (emeritus Professor of Immigration Law, University of Leiden) and Ashley Terlouw (Professor in Sociology of Law, Radboud University of Nijmegen)

10.30–12.00

Panel 1: European policy developments on the external dimension of asylum and migration

Speakers

- Mr Peter Diez, deputy director of the migration policy department of the Dutch Ministry of Home Affairs
The perspective of an EU Member state on recent developments
- Mrs Madeline Garlick, senior European affairs officer, UNHCR
UNHCR and the external dimension of EU asylum policy
- Representative of the European Commission (TBC)
Introduction on relevant European policy developments

Comments and questions

12.00-12.45 Lunch break

12.45-14.15

Panel 2: The role of international and European law in external asylum and migration policies

Speakers:

- Mr Maarten den Heijer, asylum and migration expert, University of Leiden
Legal implications of external mechanisms of migration control for the protection of refugees and irregular migrants
- Mr Hemme Battjes, Professor in Constitutional and Administrative law, Free University of Amsterdam, member of the Advisory Committee on Migration Affairs (ACVZ)
External processing of EU asylum applications: legal and practical conditions
- Mrs Tineke Strik, Member of Dutch senate and Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, assistant Professor Migration law, Centre for Migration Law of the Radboud University Nijmegen
Legal and ethical issues with respect to EU readmissions agreements with third countries

Comments and questions

14.15-14.30 Tea/Coffee

14.30-15.50

Panel 3: European external affairs policy and capacity building in third countries

Speakers:

- Mr Octay Durukan, Helsinki Citizens Assembly Turkey
Practical experiences with capacity building efforts
- Ms Tineke Ceelen, director Stichting Vluchteling
Capacity building efforts and its practical effects for refugees in the region

- Representative of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs
EU and Dutch external affairs policy

Comments and questions

15.50-16.15 Concluding remarks by chairs

16.15-17.30 Drinks

REGISTRATION:

Please note that, due to safety regulations of the Dutch Senate, registration is obligatory. You can do so by sending an email to: immigrationlaw@law.leidenuniv.nl or by fax: +31 (0)71 527 73 84 before May 27th 2011.

Please include the following details:

- Name
- Institution
- Postal address
- Telephone number

Admission is free of charge. Registered participants will receive a booklet with background materials. You are kindly requested to bring identification to show at the entrance of the Senate. For more information about your registration you can contact Ms Urszula Kiwara (+31 (0)71 527 75 35) only on Monday or Tuesday). For other questions you can contact Ms Karina Franssen (+31 (0)20 346 72 73) or Ms Myrthe Wijnkoop (+31 (0)20 346 72 69).

We are looking forward to welcoming you in the Plenary Hall of the Dutch Senate,

Peter Rodrigues, Professor of Immigration Law, University of Leiden
Dorine Manson, Director of the Dutch Council for Refugees
Tineke Strik, Member of Dutch Senate