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**OSCE HUMAN DIMENSION IMPLEMENTATION MEETING 2006  
STATEMENT IN WORKING SESSION 5: HUMANITARIAN ISSUES AND  
OTHER COMMITMENTS**

**Migrant workers; refugees and displaced persons; treatment of citizens of other  
participating states**

**Recommendations:**

- Amnesty International calls on all Participating States to honour their commitments under international law and refugee standards to provide asylum-seekers with access to a fair, independent and transparent asylum procedure, and not to return any person to a country or territory where they may face serious human rights violations or place barriers in the way of international protection for those who need it.
- Amnesty International calls on all Participating States to uphold their obligations under international law to protect the best interest of the child and not to detain unaccompanied minors in detention centres
- Amnesty International urges the authorities to ensure that asylum-seekers are only detained when absolutely necessary in compliance with international standards, and that asylum-seekers and irregular migrants are not detained in cruel, inhuman or degrading conditions.
- Amnesty International urges all Participating States, who have not yet done so, to sign and ratify Protocol 12 of the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, enshrining the principle of non-discrimination.
- Amnesty International calls on the EU to ensure that respect for human rights is a precondition of any cooperation with countries of transit or origin, and that both short- and long-term strategies on irregular migration are grounded in respect for the basic rights of migrants