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EU statement on Migration and Statelessness

The European Union is firmly committed to the promotion and protection of the human rights of refugees and migrants. EU policies and measures are founded on the principles of non-discrimination, proportionality, solidarity and responsibility, non-refoulement, access to justice and the best interest of vulnerable persons as per our shared international obligations. The Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union reaffirms that fundamental freedoms and human rights are guaranteed equally to all persons residing in EU countries regardless whether they are citizens or non-citizens.

The Justice and Home Affairs Council Conclusions of 3 and 4 December 2015 acknowledged the importance of identifying stateless persons and strengthening their protection thus allowing them to enjoy core fundamental rights and reducing the risk of discrimination or unequal treatment. It also recognises the importance of exchanging good practices among Member States concerning the collection of reliable data on stateless persons as well as the procedures for determining statelessness.

The European Migration Network (EMN) was entrusted by the Justice and Home Affairs Council with the creation of a platform to exchange information and good practices in the field of statelessness. The European Migration Network plays an important role in providing up-to-date, objective, reliable and comparable information on migration and asylum topics to policy makers (at EU and Member State level) and the general public.

The EU and its Member States continue to support the UNHCR 10-year campaign to end statelessness by 2024. We support the work of OSCE institutions in this regard

and we welcome the publication last March by the OSCE and the UNHCR of the *Handbook on statelessness in the OSCE area*.