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Immigration Detention of Children: Coming to a Close?

25–26 September 2017

Žofín Palace

Prague, Czech Republic

PROGRAMME WITH SPEAKERS

Monday, 25 September 2017

08:30 – 09:00	Registration of Participants
09:00 – 09:30	Opening Session <i>Welcoming Remarks</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Mr Robert Pelikán, Minister of Justice of the Czech Republic– Mr Christos Giakoumopoulos, Director General of Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe <i>Keynote Speech:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Mr Nils Muižnieks, Commissioner for Human Rights, Council of Europe
09:30 – 10:30	Plenary Session I: Immigration Detention of Children: Experiences and Findings from the Field <i>Moderator:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Mr Tomáš Boček, Special Representative of the Secretary General on Migration and Refugees, Council of Europe <i>Panel:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Ms Pinar Aksu, former migrant child held in detention– Ms Ivona Todorovska, member of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT)– Ms Angela Valenza, Regional Migration Adviser - Europe and Central Asia, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) <i>Discussion</i>
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 13:00	Plenary Session II: Council of Europe and Other International Human Rights Standards on the Immigration Detention of Children <i>Moderator:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Mr Vít A. Schorm, Government Agent of the Czech Republic before the European Court of Human Rights <i>Panel:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Ms Ann Power-Forde, former Judge of the European Court of Human Rights– Ms Kirsten Sandberg, member of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child, Professor at the Department of Public and International Law at the University of Oslo– Ms Romina Sijniensky, Senior Lawyer at the Inter-American Court of Human Rights– Ms Margaret Tuite, European Commission Coordinator for Rights of the Child <i>Comments:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Ms Maria Rossidi, member of the Committee of Experts on Administrative Detention of Migrants (CJ-DAM), Council of Europe <i>Discussion</i>
13:00	Group photography of the participants of the Conference
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch Break

14:30 – 16:00	Parallel Thematic Sessions
A. Best Interest of the Child, Identification Procedures and Guardianship	B. Vulnerability and the Impact of Immigration Detention
<i>Moderator:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Mr Dalibor Jílek, Professor of Public International Law, Pan-European University Bratislava, member of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) 	<i>Moderator:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Mr Stephanos Stavros, Head of the Office of the Special Representative of the Council of Europe Secretary General on Migration and Refugees
<i>Panel:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Ms Christel De Craim, Acting Head of Service for Criminal Policy, Ministry of Justice of Belgium, member of the bureau of the Ad hoc Committee for the Rights of the Child of the Council of Europe (CAHENF) – Ms Stamatina Poulou, Senior Investigator, Greek Ombudsman Office 	<i>Panel:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Ms Mária Barna, psychologist, Cordelia Foundation for the Rehabilitation of Torture Victims, Flór Ferenc Hospital, Department of Psychiatry – Mr Thomas Straub, Registry Lawyer, European Court of Human Rights
<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Discussion</i>
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee Break
16:30 – 17:00	Plenary: Reporting from Parallel Thematic Sessions
17:00 – 18:30	Plenary Session III: Actions of International Organisations: Bringing the Immigration Detention of Children to a Close? <i>Moderator:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Mr Christos Giakoumopoulos, Director General of Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe <i>Panel:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Mr Xavier Créach, UNHCR Principal Legal Advisor for Europe – Ms Doris Fiala, General Rapporteur on ending immigration detention of children, PACE Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, Council of Europe – Mr Adriano Silvestri, Head of Sector Asylum, Migration and Borders, Freedoms and Justice Department, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) <i>Discussion</i>
18:45 – 22:00	Reception hosted by Mr Robert Pelikán, Minister of Justice of the Czech Republic
20:30 – 22:00	Concert “Allstar Refjúdží Band”

Tuesday, 26 September 2017

09:00 – 10:30	Plenary Session IV: Alternatives to Detention: Effective and Beneficial Tools for States? <i>Moderator:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Mr Morten Ruud, Chair of the Drafting Group on Migration and Human Rights (CDDH-MIG), Council of Europe <i>Panel:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Mr Michael Flynn, Executive Director of the Global Detention Project– Mr Frank Schürmann, Rapporteur of the Drafting Group on Migration and Human Rights (CDDH-MIG), Council of Europe– Mr Maciej Fagasinski, Project Manager, Division of International Protection, UNHCR <i>Discussion</i>
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 13:00	Plenary Session V: Promising Practices of Alternatives to Detention <i>Moderator:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Mr Oldřich Andryšek, Independent Expert, former UNHCR Regional Representative for Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine <i>Panel:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Ms Antigoni Angelaki, Head of Programme and Development in METAdrasi, Greece– Mr Héctor Hugo Alemán Pacheco, Director, Migration Control and Verification Department, National Migration Institute, Mexico– Ms Irene Ritman, Policy Coordinator, Migration Policy Department, Dutch Ministry of Security and Justice– Ms Robyn Sampson, Senior Advisor and Research Coordinator, International Detention Coalition (IDC) <i>Discussion</i>
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch Break

14:30 – 16:00	Parallel Thematic Sessions
C. Effective Cooperation with Civil Society in Achieving Results	D. Implementation of Alternatives: Challenges and Solutions
<i>Moderator:</i> – Ms Nuala Mole , Senior Lawyer, The AIRE Centre	<i>Moderator:</i> – Mr Ben Lewis , OHCHR
<i>Panel:</i> – Ms Adriana van Dooijeweert , President of the Netherlands Institute of Human Rights, ENNHRI Board member, Chair of ENNHRI’s Asylum and Migration Working Group – Mr Benoît Van Keirsbilck , Director of the Belgian section of Defence for Children – International (DCI), former President of the International Executive Council of DCI	<i>Panel:</i> – Ms Eva Pflieger , Deputy Head of the Department for Legal Migration, Federal Ministry of Interior of Austria, member of the Drafting Group on Migration and Human Rights (CDDH-MIG), Council of Europe – Ms Katarzyna Słubik , Legal Counsellor and Project Coordinator, SIP, member of the European Alternatives to Detention (ATD) Network
<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Discussion</i>
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee Break
16:30 – 17:00	Plenary: Reporting from Parallel Thematic Sessions
17:00 – 18:00	Concluding Plenary Session VI: Cooperation and Concrete Ways Forward <i>Moderator:</i> – Mr Emil Ruffer , Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Czech Republic to the Council of Europe, Chair of the Ministers' Deputies, Committee of Ministers <i>Panel:</i> – Mr Tomáš Boček , Special Representative of the Secretary General on Migration and Refugees, Council of Europe – Mr Christos Giakoumopoulos , Director General of Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe <i>Closing Remarks:</i> – Mr Vít A. Schorm , Government Agent of the Czech Republic before the European Court of Human Rights