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A. MEETINGS-CONTACTS

1) Meetings with the competent authorities

- Chief of staff of Hellenic Police Headquarters (joint visit with the Greek Council for Refugees and Ecumenical Refugee Program)

2) Meetings/contacts with institutional actors

- Ombudsman for the Children

3) Contacts/meetings with Greek and international civil society organisations

- Greek Council for Refugees-Ecumenical Refugee Program

B. MONITORING VISITS TO DETENTION CENTRES - INVESTIGATION OF CASES - FINDINGS

1) Visits to detention centres

- Detention center of Thessaloniki Aliens Police Directorate
- Illegal Migration Police Station of Agios Athanasios
- Illegal Migration Police Station of Mygdonia

2) Investigation of detainees' Cases

- In Thessaloniki Aliens Police Directorate
- In the Regional Asylum Office of Thessaloniki

3) Access to detention facilities

We were not provided with full access to the following areas:

- Detention center of Thessaloniki Aliens Police Directorate
- Illegal Migration Police Station of Agios Athanasios
- Illegal Migration Police Station of Mygdonia

4) Findings/facts regarding detention

A. Regarding the procedures followed by the services dealing with the administrative detention:

The problems that were mentioned in the previous reports still remain.

We would also like to point out the following issue regarding detention of minors: Detention of registered unaccompanied minors for 1 ½ - 2 months on average until they are transferred to open reception centers.

B. Regarding the detention conditions:

The problems that were mentioned in the previous reports still remain.

More specifically, we would like to mention again:

The use of facilities which were characterized by the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment as unsuitable for a detention period that exceeds a few days or the use of facilities that were not aligned with the recommendations of the Committee.

We would like to stress specifically the continuing use of the Illegal Migration Police Station of Mygdonia (Thessaloniki) for the detention of unaccompanied minors.

REPORTS - ANNOUNCEMENTS - ARTICLES

REPORTS

5/9/2016 - MDM Age assessment of minors (in Greek)

<http://mdmgreece.gr/diapistosi-tis-anilikotitas-anilikon-allodapon-skepsis-ke-provlimatismi/>

9/9/2016 - HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH "Why Are You Keeping Me Here?" Unaccompanied Children Detained in Greece

https://www.hrw.org/sites/default/files/report_pdf/greece0916_web.pdf

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council of Europe anti-torture Committee visits Greece

<http://www.cpt.coe.int/documents/grc/2016-07-26-eng.htm>

ARTICLES

24/7/2016 - Voices of minors in detention from Paranesti/Greece

<http://moving-europe.org/voices-of-minors-in-detention-from-paranestigreece/>

4/8/2016 - Special zones for unaccompanied minors are being prepared in reception centers (in Greek)

<http://news.in.gr/greece/article/?aid=1500094054>

14/8/2016 - Towards possible reopening of Amygdaleza-As a center for voluntary detention for migrants and refugees (in Greek)

<http://www.tovima.gr/society/article/?aid=821902#.V7HfIdJnVo.facebook>

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