

## Issue Analysis

### - Migrants - *Sessions 1-8*

#### Introduction

- The issue of migrants is raised fairly often within the context of the Universal Periodic Review.
- A total of 15 States posed advance questions on the issue while 77 States made recommendations.
- Out of 3533 advance questions in sessions 1 to 8, 78 questions concerned migrants.
- Out of 12385 recommendations in total, 472 focused on migrants.
- In order to facilitate further analysis of this issue, a division has been made between those questions and recommendations that concern substantive issues related to the situation of human rights of the migrants, the questions and recommendations that concern the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants and those that concern ratification of the main international instrument on migrant rights, the United Nations Convention on the protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families as well as national obligations associated with these international instruments.

#### Analysis

##### Situation of human rights of migrants

- This category contains all questions and recommendations that relate to the situation of the human rights of migrants, and any general remarks regarding the issue.
- Out of 78 questions posed on migrants, 75 of these focused on the situation of the human rights of migrants.
- Out of 472 recommendations on migrants, 270 recommendations focused on the situation of human rights of migrants.
- Questions and recommendations include, for example “What can the government do to reduce employment discrimination against immigrants?” “Which steps have been taken to better the human rights situation of foreign nationals migrating through national territory? and “Accord particular attention to the protection of the rights of migrant workers.

##### Top 3 States posing advance written questions on this issue

1. United Kingdom (18 questions)
2. Denmark (12 questions)
3. The Netherlands (10 questions)

##### Top 4 States making recommendations on this issue

1. Mexico (19 recommendations)
2. Algeria (17 recommendations)
3. Brazil (15 recommendations)

4. Bangladesh (14 recommendations)

#### **Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Migrants**

- This category contains all questions and recommendations relate to the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Migrants.
- Out of 78 advance written questions, only 2 focused the Human Rights of Migrants.
- Out of 472 recommendations on migrants, 6 recommendations focused on Special Rapporteur
- Questions and recommendations include, for example, “How did the authorities follow up on the recommendation made to take necessary steps to improve the working conditions of seasonal agricultural workers?” or “Put into effect the request for a visit by the Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Migrants”.

#### **Two States posing advance written questions on this issue**

1. Germany and Liechtenstein (1 question each)

#### **Top 2 States making recommendations on this issue**

1. Mexico and Pakistan (2 recommendations each)
2. Jordan and Uruguay (1 recommendation each)

#### **United Nations Convention on the protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families**

- This category contains all questions and recommendations that relate to the Convention as well as national obligations associated with these international instruments.
- Out of 78 advance written questions, only 1 question concerned the United Nations Convention on the protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families
- Out of 472 recommendations on migrants, 196 recommendations focus on the Convention.
- Questions and recommendations urge states to ratify the Convention, for example, “Which actions will be undertaken and when will the required domestic procedures be fulfilled in order to ratify the Convention?” or “Become a State party to the International Convention for the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant workers and Members of Their Families”

#### **One State posing advance written questions on this issue**

1. Denmark (1 question)

#### **Top 3 States making recommendations on this issue**

1. Mexico (41 recommendations)
2. Algeria (37 recommendations)
3. Egypt (16 recommendations)