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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Lithuania to the United Nations Office and other International Organisations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and with reference to its verbal note of 22 July 2016 has the honour to transmit the information provided by the Government of Lithuania for the preparation of the report on the promotion and protection of the human rights of migrants in the context of large movements.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Lithuania avails itself of this opportunity to renew the assurances of its highest consideration to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.



Geneva, 12 August 2016

Office of the United Nations
High Commissioner for Human Rights
GENEVA

Information from Lithuania for the preparation of the report on the promotion and protection of the human rights of migrants in the context of large movements.

Lithuania from 2003 is a party to the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children and from 2004 is a party to the Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Crime.

As a Member of the European Union Lithuania participating in the European Union Relocation Programme which aims to relocate the persons in clear need of the international protection, especially those displaced by the conflict in Syria. Lithuania has committed itself to receive 1,105 refugees over two years. The asylum applications of those persons are examined in accordance with established rules and guarantees. During integration all persons are provided with educational, medical, social and other services in accordance with their needs, so that they may integrate into the local community and labour market.

Regarding migrants seeking asylum, the national legislation has been brought in line with the relevant EU *acquis*, including establishing and implementing the mechanisms for early identification of persons with special needs and adequately addressing those needs. The measures that are currently being developed in this field also include providing asylum seekers with more comprehensive (in terms of both content and form) information on their rights, obligations, respective procedures and remedies available, programmes for the integration of aliens (e.g. through providing Lithuanian language courses), thus promoting awareness and enjoyment of those rights.

At the national level the main document on migration policy is the Law of the Republic of Lithuania on the Legal Status of Aliens (which came into force on 29 April 2004). An overview of the legal acts that regulate migration processes (including citizenship and visa policy) shows that the main legal basis of migration policy in Lithuania is established. National legal acts envisage the implementation of broad spectrum of measures to ensure the rights of migrants (including in large movements): migrants' families reunification (exemptions), access to labour market, exemptions for students to reside in the country, civil rights and equal treatment.