

Administrative Detention of third-country nationals: International legislation and national practice

**International Conference organized by the
Greek Council for Refugees (GCR) and
the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ)**

Program

Monday 15 September 2014

13.00 – 13.30: Registration

13.30 – 14.00: Opening speeches

Lilian Chrysochoidou - Argyropoulou, President of the Board of the Greek Council for Refugees

Róisín Pillay, Director of the Europe Programme, International Commission of Jurists

Vassilios Alexandris, President of the Athens Bar Association

Representative from the Ministry of Public Order and Citizen Protection

Lambrini Fakitsa, Administrative Appeals Court Judge, Vice-President of the Hellenic Association of Administrative Judges

Eleni Petraki, Greek Asylum Service, Public Relations and Information Office

14.00 – 16.30: Introductory session: “Who is the ‘detainee’? What is ‘administrative detention’?” (chair: M. Frigo, ICJ)

- a. “Migration flows and their causes: demystifying the ‘economic migrant’”: **A. Papadopoulos**, Professor, Harokopio University of Athens
- b. “Who is a refugee, mixed flows, new trends, distinction between a refugee and a migrant for economic or other reasons” **K. Stefanaki**, Protection Officer, UNHCR - Athens Office
- c. “What is administrative detention according to international human rights law?”: **R. Pillay**, Director of the Europe Programme, International Commission of Jurists
- d. “The profile of the detainee and groups with special characteristics”: **S. Koulocheris**, Lawyer, Head of Legal Research, Legal Assistance Unit GCR.

Discussion

16.30 – 17.00: Coffee break

17.00 – 20.00: Second session: “The lawfulness of detention of third country nationals” (chair: I. Papageorgiou, member of the Board of GCR)

- a. “International and European legal framework and jurisprudence”: **M. Frigo**, Legal Advisor, Europe Programme, International Commission of Jurists
- b. “The lawfulness of administrative detention according to ECtHR”: **P. Voyatzis** (referendaire), EctHR
- c. “The situation in Greece: systematic, extended and indiscriminate detention”: Dr. **E. Koutsouraki**, Legal Assistance Unit GCR
- d. “Asylum seekers under administrative detention”: **I. Kalamaris**, Training, Quality Assurance and Documentation Unit, Greek Asylum Service
- e. “Migrants’ detention: Fundamental rights challenges in the EU member states”: **A. Silvestri**, Head of Sector Asylum, Migration and Borders Freedoms and Justice Department, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)

Discussion

Tuesday, 16 September 2014

13.30 – 16.00: Third session: “Detention conditions in Greece” (chair: V. Tsipoura, Coordinator, Legal Assistance Unit GCR)

- a. “Detention conditions under international human rights law (ECHR, ICCPR, and UN and CoE rules)”: **R. Pillay**, Director of the Europe Programme, International Commission of Jurists
- b. “Health consequences of detention - findings from Greece”: **I. Kotsioni**, Doctors without Borders (MSF)
- c. “The CPT standards and their application in Greece. The position of the Greek Ombudsman on the basis of its statutory role”: **V. Karydis**, Deputy Ombudsman, Professor, University of Peloponnese
- d. “The detention from the point of view of the Greek administration”: **M. Kostaris**, Police Director, Directorate for Combating Illegal Migration, Hellenic Police

Discussion

16.00-16.30: Coffee break

17.00-19.30: Fourth session: “Judicial protection in the Greek context”

(chair: K. Kousoulis, Councillor, Council of State)

- a. “International law and standards on judicial review of detention”: **M. Frigo**, Legal Advisor, Europe Programme, International Commission of Jurists
- b. “The judicial review of the third countries national detention order”: **M. Tsitsou**, Administrative Appeals Court Judge
- c. “The judicial review of detention by the Greek courts”: **A. Konstantinou**, Legal Assistance Unit GCR
- d. “Challenging detention before international courts”: **M. Tzeferakou**, Attorney-at-law

Discussion

20.00: Closing of the conference

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