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Recommendations for a Comprehensive Legal Aid System

The NCHR proposed to the Ministry of Justice the restructuring and modernization of legal aid schemes in accordance with the legal aid standards established by the Council of Europe, the European Union and the case law on the European Convention on Human Rights. The NCHR expressed its concern regarding the inadequacy of legal aid as it was structured and applied in Greece and stressed that legal aid should be available to every person who is in need of it, in all jurisdictions and all procedural stages. Particular attention should be paid by the Greek State to vulnerable social groups such as asylum seekers, refugees and alien immigrants potentially discriminated against on the ground of their racial or ethnic origin.

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