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Decision on the Protection of “<i>de facto</i>” Refugees in Greece

The NCHR expressed its concern regarding the practice of the Ministry of Public Order by which the renewal of *de facto* (“humanitarian”) refugee permits was unjustifiably denied. The NCHR welcomed the declaration of the above Ministry that this practice has ended but called upon it to give express and clear orders to the competent authorities regarding the correct application of current Greek asylum law and the treatment of *de facto* refugees, according to international and European standards of refugee protection. The NCHR reemphasized that refugee and immigration law and policy should be seriously overhauled by the Greek State and be characterized by clarity and broadmindedness in accordance with the European rule of law.

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