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Verbal Note

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Greece present their compliments to the Embassy of Denmark in Athens and with reference to the latter's verbal note No 2017-12487, dated March 13, 2017, regarding the information requested by the Danish Refugee Appeals Board on the conditions of aliens who are granted Convention status or subsidiary protection status in Greece, have the honour to inform that the response of the competent Hellenic authorities is as follows:

According to Presidential Decree 141/2013 (Chapter VII "content of international protection") which transposes in the Hellenic legal order Directive 2011/95/EE of the European Parliament and the Council (13 December 2011), beneficiaries of international protection have access to medical care on the same basis as Greek citizens. Adequate health care is also provided to beneficiaries of international protection who need special care and especially to pregnant women, people with special needs, people who have suffered torture, rape or other type of psychological, physical or sexual abuse, minors who have suffered abuse, neglect, exploitation, torture, inhuman or degrading behaviour, or people who have suffered due to armed conflicts, under the same conditions – including health care for mental disorders – as it is provided to Greek citizens.

Access to the educational system and vocational training or training programmes is provided to adult beneficiaries of international protection under the same conditions as for third-country nationals who legally reside in Greece. Beneficiaries of international protection can participate in adults' educational programs on employment and training, including training courses for skills improvement, practical training in work environment and counseling of employment services, under the same conditions as Greek citizens.

Existing provisions on remuneration, access to social security regarding employed or independent activity, as well as work conditions apply to beneficiaries of international protection.

The necessary social assistance is provided to beneficiaries of international protection under the same conditions as provided to Greek citizens.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Common European Asylum System, recognized refugees and beneficiaries of subsidiary protection are not entitled to accommodation based only on their status. Greece does not provide accommodation especially for beneficiaries of international protection, nor a special allowance, except for access to accommodation and allowances under the conditions provided for vulnerable groups in general.

When a decision on granting refugee status or subsidiary protection status is notified to the applicant, the competent case-worker provides the applicant with a document describing in summary the beneficiaries' rights in his/her native language.

Finally, according to article 5§2 of the Hellenic Constitution everyone present on Greek territory enjoys absolute protection of life, honour and freedom without any discrimination based on nationality, race, language and religious or political beliefs. A case is brought before the Greek criminal courts either ex officio following a report, complaint or any other information about a committed crime (when no accusation by the victim is required - Code of Penal Procedure article 36) or following an accusation by the victim, in case he/she requests the prosecution of the offense.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic avail themselves of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of Denmark in Athens the assurances of their highest consideration.



Embassy of Denmark

In town



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