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att Chairman Jean-Marie Cavada

The below listed associations hereby appeal to the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs to send a delegation to Denmark in order to examine the conditions of asylum seekers in Denmark, as the committee has recently done in Malta and the Canaries.

We have specified our serious concerns in the attached petition. In particular, we are concerned about the fact that the majority of asylum seekers live for many years in asylum centres, not knowing how their future will be. Rejected asylum seekers who do not want to return voluntarily, because of war or civil war in their country of birth, are being put under severe pressure, making their hopeless situation even more unbearable. Asylum seekers are not allowed to take paid work, and they live on very limited space for years, some even up to 10 years.

This petition - without addendums - has been sent by e-mail to the chairman, the vice chairmen, Giusto Cantania and Jean Lambert who were involved in the examination of the asylum centres in Malta and the Canaries, and to the Scandinavian members of the committee.

Some of the references in the petition are included with the letter sent by post, namely those marked by a star. All of the references except one are in Danish. We assume that some of the Scandinavian or German members of the Committee understand Danish.

On behalf of the Danish organisations:

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Lawyers' Association for asylum and immigration law, Chairman Helge Nørrung

Committee for Ethnic Equality, Chairman Uzma Ahmed Andresen

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