

GUIDELINES FOR A COMMUNITY POLICY ON MIGRATION

- "1. The Council takes note of the Commission's communication on guidelines for a Community policy on migration.
  
2. It recognizes that in the area of Community legislation on free movement of workers in the Member States priority should be given to the following measures:
  - (a) improving the everyday application of current legislation, by making those concerned familiar with it, in particular through the publication of a handbook and by considering whether it is necessary to add to or amend current Community legislation, particularly for certain categories of migrant workers;
  
  - (b) continuing to analyse the rights to and procedures for the integration or participation, either individual or collective, of migrants in the various aspects of life in the host country;
  
  - (c) adapting and simplifying Community legislation on social security for workers who are nationals of Member States on the basis of Article 51 of the Treaty, to take account of changes in national legislation, and of the case-law of the Court.

3. It recognizes that it is desirable to promote co-operation and consultation between the Member States and the Commission as regards migration policy, and also vis-à-vis third countries and notes the Commission's intention of drawing up a procedure for such co-operation and consultation.
4. It is determined to implement the social security provisions contained in association and co-operation agreements.
5. It confirms its desire that, with due regard for the jurisdiction of the Community, everyone should have an equal opportunity of deriving advantages and making a contribution within the Community.
6. It also considers, that with a view to the harmonious co-existence of nationals of the Member States and migrant workers and their families, initiatives should be developed at Community level to inform and to promote awareness, such as:
  - the adoption of a joint declaration condemning xenophobia and racism;
  - the setting up of pilot schemes for the organization of briefing sessions at local level for staff of local administrations who are in contact with immigrants;
  - the improvement, particularly by means of pilot schemes, of the quality of free administrative assistance in fields such as legal proceedings, education and housing, for example through better information and linguistic help in order that the quality of such services for migrant workers may be equal to that available to nationals of the Member States.

It also recognizes the desirability of a dialogue at Community level with associations of migrant workers.

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7. The Council calls on the Commission to take the necessary initiatives to put into effect the measures referred to in this Resolution and to submit the necessary proposals to it in this connection.
8. Community financing for the measures referred to in this section will be decided on under the budgetary procedure and in accordance with the legal commitments entered or to be entered into by the Council. Specific projects requiring the aid of the European Social Fund will be carried out in accordance with the financing capacity and rules of that Fund.
9. The Commission is requested to inform the Council periodically of progress in implementing the measures provided for in this Resolution.

