

Demonstration on December 18 for the rights of migrants

December 18 is International Migrant's Day. For all those who care about human rights, this is an opportunity to recall the importance of this issue, in a context where nationalism, racism and xenophobia are determined to make it a "problem". We denounce politicians who equate immigration with terrorism, just as Minister Darmanin did during his tour of the Maghreb countries in November 2020.

Tens of thousands of women, children and men die on the routes of migration, victims of the murderous policies of border closures. Europe wants to be a fortress. The new asylum and immigration pact under discussion on the European plan is further tightening the reception conditions for people who come here to be granted asylum or simply a future and accelerates deportations to countries of origin.

We call for a real reception policy, a policy coordinated between the States of this continent, as well as for the abolition of the Dublin Agreement.

Hundreds of thousands of men, women and children live in fear, without stable and dignified housing, without being able to work as they would like and without access to fundamental rights. They suffer from overexploitation or precarious working conditions because of their administrative situation. They are constantly at risk of imprisonment and deportation. We demand that the "sans papiers" (undocumented) have access to the following: care, residence and work permits which allow them to build their own homes, their lives, their future and guarantee them equal rights in business.

We demand a policy of massive regularization and the closure of Administrative retentions centers. Access to all rights (health, housing, work, political participation) must be equal for all residents of a country, regardless of nationality or citizenship origin. Administrative mistreatment or the endless restriction and questioning of the State Medical Aid are inadmissible. It is urgent that France finally sign the "international convention on the protection of the rights of all migrant workers and members of their families" adopted by the UN on December 18, 1990 !

In order to avoid tragedies and to allow dignified access to people in search of safety, we demand the restoration of sea rescues, the end of detention of refugees and migrants in Libya and, pending the generalization of freedom of movement in the country, the freedom of circulation and the immediate opening of legal channels for migration.

We demand the proper application of the International Convention on the Rights of the Child and therefore that foreign unaccompanied minors are not in any way victims of unequal treatment as established by the common law systems for the protection of children.

On December 18th, as is done every year, initiatives will be taken all over France. Our associations and trade unions will be associated with their construction and will contribute to their success.

It is time to affirm that the freedom of movement and settlement of women and men over the world is a normal and desirable component of the humanity we want.

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