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submission to the special rapporteur on the human rights of migrants

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) has by email of 18 May 2021 requested inputs from the Danish Institute for Human Rights for the Special Rapporteur’s To inform the Special Rapporteur’s forthcoming report on the impact of COVID-19 on the human rights of migrants, to be presented at the 76th session of the General Assembly.

The institute refers to our national contribution to the Fundamental Rights Report, 2021, under the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) describing, amongst other, specific migration issues during covid-19.

* Link, Franet National contribution to the Fundamental Rights Report 2021: <https://fra.europa.eu/sites/default/files/fra_uploads/frr2021_denmark-frr2021_en.pdf>

Furthermore, the institute would like to refer to the Danish Institute against Human Trafficking (*Center mod Menneskehandel)* under the National Board of Social Services (*Socialstyrelsen)* who has developed an action plan to ensure increased awareness of the most vulnerable migrants during future health crises. This applies to potential victims of human trafficking, who should be offered relevant help such as food and medicine during a future health crisis.[[1]](#footnote-1)

Lastly the institute notes, that irregular migrants have had the opportunity to be tested during COVID-19. Those who test positive were/are offered a quarantine stay within the asylum system.

In August 2020, no migrants without legal stay in Denmark had been tested because the government made it very clear those who tested positive will be sent home to their home country after they have been quarantined.[[2]](#footnote-2)

Yours sincerely,

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