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ADOPTED RECOMMENDATIONS

Considering that: The Republic of Macedonia is located in the very centre of the so-called Balkan migration route; migration is a global phenomenon that shows a tendency to intensify; large migrant flows often receive a crisis character with security and administrative sequences — the experts and members of WG 4 and the NCEU-MK team have proposed and adopted the following recommendations:

1. Creating conditions for the implementation of national plans and strategies by developing and strengthening national capacities for monitoring the implementation of national migration policies.
2. Creation of measurable indicators for effective inter-institutional cooperation.
3. Further development of the statistical database in relation to migration flows in the Republic of Macedonia.
4. Harmonisation of the Macedonian legislation with the new EU regulations with special emphasis on their implementation, as well as continuous monitoring of the European and world programs related to migration.
5. To increase the national capacities for regional and international cooperation of the relevant institutions in the fight against organised crime, with a focus on peacekeeping and human trafficking.
6. To deepen and intensify the cooperation between the relevant institutions and civic associations, through regular consultative meetings and involvement of civil society organisations in the process of adopting migration policies.
7. Despite the experience gained from the previous massive wave of refugees, it is indisputable that every new wave would be a major national challenge. Therefore, it is necessary to continue with:
 - Strengthening the capacities for securing and monitoring state borders;
 - Strengthening the capacities of the Public Prosecutor's Office in dealing with cross-border crime;
 - To create special teams (expert teams) for work with risky migration groups;
 - Strengthening the capacities of institutions responsible for better and more humane conditions for migrants and refugees seeking international protection;