**‘DUBLIN’ REGULATION (REGULATION No. 604/2013)**

The fact that you asked for asylum in Cyprus does not guarantee that your application will be examined here. The country that will examine your application for international protection is established by the **Dublin Regulation** which is a European law determining which EU Member State is responsible for examining your application for international protection/asylum.

According to this law, only one country is responsible for examining your claim for asylum. This law is applied in 31 'countries:

* *the 27 European Union countries (Austria (AT), Belgium (BE), Bulgaria (BG), Croatia (HR), Cyprus (CY), Czech Republic (CZ), Denmark (DK), Estonia (ET), Finland (FI), France (FR), Germany (DE), Greece (EL), Hungary (HU), Ireland (IE), Italy (IT), Latvia (LV), Lithuania (LT), Luxembourg (LU), Malta (MT), Netherlands (NL), Poland (PL), Portugal (PT), Romania (RO), Slovakia (SK), Slovenia (SI), Spain (ES), Sweden (SE))and*
* *4 “associated” countries (Norway (NO), Iceland (IS), Switzerland (CH) and Liechtenstein (LI)).*

A country may be responsible for examining your request for a number of reasons such as:

**IN CASE OF ADULT APPLICANTS AND/OR FAMILIES**

If you entered or lived in another Member State, have had a visa or a residence permit issued by a Dublin Country, before entering Cyprus, this country could be responsible for examining your application for international protection in another Member State.

If you have a close family member or a relative (e.g., spouse, unmarried partner in a stable relationship, children etc) in another Member State and you wish to join her/him. **It is important that you inform us as soon as possible if you have family members in another Dublin country**.

Please state your family members in your application form.

**IN CASE OF UNACCOMPANIED MINORS:**

If you are under 18 years old and you have not arrived together with another adult responsible for you, you may join your parents, siblings or relatives (uncle, aunt or grandparents) in another ‘Dublin’ country. That country could be responsible for examining your asylum application. Please state your relatives in your application form.

You may remain in Cyprus only if we decide that we are responsible to examine your application for asylum. If another country is responsible, we will arrange for your transfer to that country where you will have your application examined there. While staying here, you are entitled to benefit from material reception conditions, e.g. accommodation, food etc., as well as basic medical care and emergency medical assistance.

If you abandon your application for asylum and you move to another ‘Dublin’ country, you are likely to be transferred back to Cyprus or to the country that responsible. Please be aware that if we consider that you are likely to try to run away or hide from us because you do not want us to send you to another country, you may be put in detention.

. You may challenge a decision to be transferred to another ‘Dublin’ country before the International Protection Administrative Court (IPAC) in Nicosia. Address: Costi Palama 5, 1096, Nicosia, Cyprus Contact Information: Tel: (+357) 22747500/501 Fax: (+357) 22747537.

**FINGERPRINTING**

When you lodge a request for asylum, if you are 14 years of age or older, your fingerprints will be taken and sent to a fingerprint database called ‘Eurodac’. You are obliged by law to have your fingerprints taken. Your fingerprints will be checked within Eurodac to see if you have ever applied for asylum before or to see if you were previously fingerprinted at a border. This helps to determine which ‘Dublin’ country is responsible for the examination of your asylum request. Your fingerprint data will be stored by Eurodac for 10 years. If you become a citizen of a Dublin country, your fingerprints will be deleted. Your fingerprints and your gender are stored in Eurodac – your name, photograph, date of birth and nationality are not sent to the Eurodac database, but they are stored in the national database.

If you request asylum in another Dublin country in the future, your fingerprints will be sent to that country for verification. The data stored in Eurodac will not be shared with any other country or organization outside the Dublin countries.

You will be given the opportunity to provide us with information about your situation and the presence of family members on the territory of the Dublin countries orally during a ‘Dublin’ Interview in the presence of an interpreter. You will also receive a written copy of the decision to transfer you to another country.

**Contact information:**

Identity of the Eurodac controller and of his/her representative;

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