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

You are given this information, because you applied for international protection (also known as “asylum”) in Cyprus and because you said that you are less than 18 years old. If you are separated from your parents or other adults from your family, you are an “unaccompanied minor”. In this case, you will be provided with a “guardian”, who is an adult and will help you during the asylum procedure.

Your guardian will assist you with your application and can accompany you when you talk to us or other authorities in Cyprus. You can speak about your problems and fears with your guardian, who is there to ensure and protect your best interests. Your guardian must also consider whether you can join your family if they are not with you in Cyprus.

***If there is something that you do not understand, ask your guardian to help you!***

Although you applied for asylum in Cyprus, it might be that another country will have to examine your application. The country that will examine your application is established by the **Dublin Regulation,** which is a European law stating that only one country is responsible for examining your application. This law is applied in the following 31 “Dublin 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), Iceland (IS), Italy (IT), Latvia (LV), Liechtenstein (LI)), Lithuania (LT), Luxembourg (LU), Malta (MT), Netherlands (NL), Norway (NO), Poland (PL), Portugal (PT), Romania (RO), Slovakia (SK), Slovenia (SI), Spain (ES), Sweden (SE)), and Switzerland (CH).*

A Dublin country other than Cyprus **might** be responsible for examining your application. For example, if you have no family in Cyprus, but your parents, siblings, uncles, aunts, or grandparents, or other family relations live in another Dublin country, we might be able to reunite you in that Dublin country. It is therefore important that you inform your guardian and authorities **as soon as possible** if you have family in another Dublin country.

***Do not run away or to another Dublin country on your own. Some people might tell you that this is the best thing for you to do. If someone tells you to run away, or that you should go away with them, tell your guardian or other authorities immediately!***

**YOUR AGE**

Persons who are 18 years old or above are “adults”. Please tell the truth about your age. If you have any document that shows your age, please share it. If there are doubts about your age, a doctor might want to examine you to see if you are younger or older than 18. You and/or your guardian must first agree to this before any medical examination can take place.

**FINGERPRINTING**

When you apply for asylum, and you are 14 years old or above, your fingerprints are 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 if you were previously fingerprinted at a border. This helps to determine which Dublin country is responsible for examining your application. Your fingerprint data will be stored by Eurodac for 10 years. If you become a citizen of a Dublin country later, your fingerprints will be deleted. Your fingerprints and your gender are stored in Eurodac, but your name, photograph, date of birth, and nationality are stored in the national database. If you apply for 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 organisation outside the Dublin countries.

**RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS**

**Authorities will always act in your best interests.** If it is considered that another Dublin country might be responsible for examining your application, you might be invited for an interview to ask you more questions about your family and your journey to Cyprus. The interview will be confidential and will take with the help of an interpreter. Your guardian will be with you during the whole interview, and you will be given more information about the Dublin procedure.

You must remain in Cyprus until it is decided whether another Dublin country is responsible to examine your application. This process can take several months, but if another Dublin country becomes responsible, your guardian will be informed and Cyprus will arrange for your transfer to that country. While staying in Cyprus, you will be provided with food and accommodation, as well as basic medical care and emergency medical assistance. You are also entitled to go to school.

If another Dublin country becomes responsible for your application, your guardian will give you the decision to transfer you there. If you disagree with the decision, please inform your guardian as soon as possible so that they can help you challenge your transfer. If you have turned 18 years old by the time of the decision, you might have to challenge your transfer without the help of your guardian before the International Protection Administrative Court (IPAC). **Address**: Costi Palama 5, 1096, Nicosia - **Tel:** (+357) 22747500/501 - **Fax:** (+357) 22747537.

For more information in respect of the above, please talk to your guardian who can contact the authorities of Cyprus on your behalf.