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Statelessness in the Netherlands



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2011-2012

- Nov 2011** ■
Publication of the **UNHCR -report** 'Statelessness in the Netherlands'
- Dec 2011** ■
Attention for the position of stateless **Roma and Roma children** in the Netherlands
- Dec 2011** ■
Media attention for the **situation of stateless people** in the
- Dec 2012** ■
Symposium 'International Developments in the field of statelessness and the situation in the Netherlands'

2013

- Dec 2013** ■
Policy advice **Adviescommissie voor Vreemdelingenzaken** 'Geen land te bekennen'

2014

- Feb 2014** ■
Ruling by **The Hague Court** on the right to ID for stateless people
- May 2014** ■
Ruling of the **Council of State** endorsing the importance of a determination procedure for statelessness people

Continuation 2014 Continuation 2016

- Jul 2014** ■
Advice of the **College voor de Rechten van de Mens** on the determination procedure statelessness
- Sep 2014** ■
Reaction State Secretary on ACVZ recommendation - **pledges to introduce new legislation**
- Sep 2014** ■
Global Forum on Statelessness, a conference with 300 participants
- Sep 2014** ■
Media coverage on statelessness and the **importance of a determination procedure**

2015

- Dec 2015** ■
Recommendations for the **Committee on the Rights of the Child** and the **Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination**

- Sep 2016** ■
Recommendation to the Netherlands on a determination procedure for statelessness in the context of the **Universal Periodic Review** (following input from civil society coalition)
- Sep 2016** ■
IND Report 'Staatloosheid: Een Mondiaal Probleem'

- Dec 2016** ■
Internet -consultation 'Rijkswet vaststellingsprocedure staatloosheid' - reactions from several organizations

2017

- Oct 2017** ■
Exhibition 'State of Being' by Anoeek Steketeer in the Rijksmuseum
- Nov 2017** ■
3-year anniversary **#iBelong** campaign of UNHCR at Rijksmuseum
- Aug 2017** ■
More media attention is devoted to the issue of statelessness

2019

Feb 2019



Children's University 'Leven zonder paspoort' with Prof. Nicola Jagers; children's book presented to MPs

Jun 2019



Day of the Nationality in Tivoli Utrecht

Jun 2019



Media coverage for **active role municipalities** in addressing statelessness

Nov 2019



Petition statelessness

May 2019



Active attitude of **municipalities**, e.g. Utrecht city council adopts motion on statelessness with large majority

Jun 2019



World Conference on Statelessness The Hague

Aug 2019



UN Human Rights Committee Expressing concern about the lack of residence permit after recognition of statelessness in the statelessness bill

Nov 2019



Media coverage on **statelessness and determination procedure**

2020

Dec 2020



Statelessness bills introduced in House of Representatives

Dec 2020



UN Human Rights Committee opinion on DZ case and **child statelessness** in the Netherlands

2021

Jan 2021



Media coverage on **naturalization of amnesty seekers**

Mar 2021



Petition for naturalization of 10,000 pardoners

Apr 2021



Statement from coalition on **statelessness** to new members of the House of Representatives

Jun 2021



Input from coalition of NGOs to **UN Committee Against Torture**

Jul 2021



Input from coalition of NGOs to **UN committee on racial discrimination**

2022

Mar 2022



Recommendations of the **Committee on the Rights of the Child** concerning the nationality of stateless children in the Netherlands

May 2022



Importance of **statelessness bills** in media

Nov 2022



Workshop **'Statelessness in the Netherlands: looking back and looking forward'**

Jul 2021



Announcement that **RANOV permit holders** will be exempt from documentation requirement in option and naturalization procedure

Nov 2021



Media coverage for **addressing statelessness** by the municipality of Utrecht

Apr 2022



Internet Consultation 'Besluit evidente staatloosheid'- joint response from NGOs

May 2022



Statelessness bills passed in House of Representatives

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