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Finalization and approval of the additional international legal instrument against illegal trafficking in and transporting of migrants

Proposals and contributions received from Governments

Belarus: amendments to articles 2 and 15 of the revised draft Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Air and Sea, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime

Article 2: Definitions

1. The term "travel documents" used in article 15, paragraph 3, and in other provisions of the draft Protocol could also be taken to mean documents providing entitlement to travel on a particular form of transport. It is therefore proposed that a definition of the term "travel documents" be included in article 2, "Definitions".

Article 15: Return of smuggled migrants

2. It is proposed that a mechanism be envisaged for covering costs incurred in ensuring the return of smuggled migrants to the States of which they are nationals or in the territory of which they have the right of permanent residence.