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Decisions

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## 1537<sup>th</sup> meeting, 15-17 September 2025 (DH)

## H46-6 Camara v. Belgium (Application No. 49255/22)

Supervision of the execution of the European Court's judgments

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## The Deputies

- 1. recalled that this case concerns a clear refusal by the authorities to comply with a July 2022 order of the Labour Tribunal of Brussels, requiring them to provide accommodation to the applicant, an asylum seeker, and to provide him with reception defined by law; and that the Court noted a systemic problem, incompatible with the rule of law, concerning the State's capacity to comply with its own legislation, including final judicial decisions ordering such compliance;
- 2. noted with interest that the number of asylum-seekers awaiting reception has fallen sharply in one year time, mainly as a result of an acceleration in exits from the reception network, which made it possible to free up many places; also noted with interest that, in line with the Committee's previous decision, the authorities have strengthened their cooperation with the European Union Agency for Asylum, extending its operational support to reducing the backlog of asylum applications, which could also contribute to freeing up more reception places;
- 3. noted with concern, however, the steady reduction in the number of reception places since the end of 2024, while in many cases the authorities are unable to grant asylum seekers the reception to which they are entitled, and the number of applications for protection and their average processing time remain high; also noted with concern, in this context, the effects of other planned measures, in particular, major cuts in the federal budget for the reception of asylum-seekers and in the long term capacity of the reception network, as well as the removal of legal solutions which could help to respond to the crisis;
- 4. therefore, invited the authorities to use, as soon as possible, all possible means to find a lasting solution to the reception crisis, so as to be able to enforce all judicial decisions, and to provide a sufficient budget and a precise timetable for this purpose; also invited them to provide the Committee with more detailed information on the enforcement of judicial decisions in the field of reception of asylum-seekers (in particular, the average enforcement rates and timescales, and the remedies available);
- 5. finally, invited the Belgian authorities to intensify their dialogue with the Secretariat between now and the next examination of the case at their DH meeting in September 2026.

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