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Migrant Rights International is a non-governmental organisation, it is a federation of migrant organisations, migrant workers, unions and associations and non-governmental organisations promoting the recognition and respect for the human rights of all migrants. We have members in the different countries, in the different regions of the world. So, in Europe we have national associations of migrant organisations and we also work a lot with different European civil society networks promoting migrants' rights.

So, we were invited to this migrant friendly hospital project, we were contacted at the very beginning. We were asked to present our interest and our plans with regard to the Amsterdam Declaration. Migrant Rights International's main interest is to see this migrant friendly hospital project and the Amsterdam Declaration as a cooperation, a framework that can be widely supported and welcomed by migrants and migrants rights organisations, not only in Europe, but also for the rest of the world. Particularly, we see this as a pioneering effort, especially at a regional level with regard to promoting the right to health of all people, including the migrants. We hope to read this document and bring it up—. A representative from the DJ Sanko has mentioned that it is important, that hopefully the public document will be supported by many advocacy networks and organisations, especially for us working at the national, regional and international policy making level. So, we would like to see a few faces that should be seen in the document, so that it can be welcomed and acceptable to migrants, the public and policy makers. If I could just read a few comments, and then I could present the way for ... in terms of advocacy and advancing the work for the project.

So, on the first recommendation, we think this document is a very good document which incorporates a multidisciplinary perspective from the different actors and stakeholders. Very important is recommendation number one. We would like to see the recommendation as reflecting a rights based approach. Developing a migrant friendly hospital is an investment in more individualized and more person oriented services for all patients and clients as well as their families based on the fundamental respect for basic human rights, norms and principles including the principals of non-discrimination, inclusion and participation of all members of society. We believe that at the European level it is a very acceptable language, and in fact European

countries are all state parties to the International Bill of Rights. So, this is a very acceptable phrase and we would like to see a reflection of the Human Rights' norms and principles pronounced in the document. We would also like to see phrases, language, that reads for example on building the sense of ownership and empowerment among migrant communities which we also see in the introductory part and also on ensuring that help policy should provide a framework to make migrant friendly quality developments relevant and feasible for each hospital. We would like to underscore the legal, financial and organisational regulations because for us, from our practical experiences in many documented cases that health professionals and health care providers are sometimes being ... for helping sick undocumented migrants. We would like to stress that point. We would be happy to provide this specific language to the organisers to make the document more acceptable and friendly to the migrants. With regard to the way forward we recommend this project and the way it promotes the rights based approach in moving towards an ethno culturally diverse Europe. We are also placing it in the international policy, advocacy and policy ... that we usually meet, the project presents a strong and complete response at a national and regional level to obligations in international human rights law as I mentioned, the Bill of Rights, even the Convention of the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and it also even addresses the rights that are enshrined in the International Convention and the Protection of the Rights of all Migrant Workers and members of their families. So, this migrant friendly hospital project and the Amsterdam Declaration is actually a very concrete response. It also places the project with regard to the response to the commitment to the UN World Conference against Racism. Also, we are just trying to place it at the international policy setting. So, you will know where to place it as we move forward ... We ... the promotion of the migrant friendly hospital project and the Amsterdam Declaration we wish to invite our member organisations and other NGOs and migrant support groups to participate in joining, supporting and promoting the project particularly for the civil society organisations in Europe. So, if I could just mention a few, for example PICUM (Platform for International Cooperation for Undocumented Migrant Workers in Europe, and documented migrants in Europe) there is a European platform in favour of the UN Convention and the Rights of Migrant Workers and Members of their Families, European Network against Racism, RESPECT, the European Network of Women Migrant Domestic Workers, Churches Commission for Migrants in Europe,

other national coalitions that are affiliated with us and also to other regional coalitions, to involve the trade unions, especially the global unions with whom we already cooperate and work with very closely, such as the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions and the Public Services International and also other initiatives like Europe CT. The last two statements: We would like to bring this project as a best practice and a regional cooperation that could be promoted and mentioned in many of the human rights mechanisms such as the Commission on Human Rights to include the involvement to the special rapporteur, the human rights of migrants, the special rapporteur and the right to health and the different human rights mechanisms and also to promote it at the Global Commission on International Migration. So, these are plans to promote the project.