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Workshop Return

Some remarks on current Dutch return policy
1. Introduction

- Hans van Miert
- Secretary Advisory Committee on Aliens Affairs
- May 2004: Return – international aspects
- Jan 2005: Return – national aspects
- www.acvz.com
2. Basic principles Dutch return policy

• Admission denied means returning to the country of origin

• Illegal foreign nationals are themselves responsible for their departure, the government facilitates

• Voluntary return is preferred and therefore promoted

• Forced return/end of use of accommodation and provisions is the ultimate remedy
3. Policy focus change in 2003

- From: return is coping stone, or tail piece of alien policy

- To: return is issue in every stage of this policy
4. Overview of policy measures

- border control and surveillance of aliens
- identity and documentation research
- communication
- return locations
- stimulating voluntary return
- Streamlining organisational process
- Cooperation with countries of origin
5. Voluntary return

- proces
- cooperation
- presence
- facilities
6. Forced return

- Intensivating surveillance
- capacity for detention
- coordination by one Minister
- from 2007: one organisation
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Return - asylum 2001-2005

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Return - non-asylum 2002-2005

controlled*  administrative  total
How to define result in return policy?

• Exit system
• Or country?
challenges

• countries of origin

• aliens

• informal economy
Admission policy for Politicians

IN → Process

admission

return
Suggestions for improvement

- realistic approach
- more investment in voluntary return
- dialogue with partners
- regularization of old asylum law residents
- open discussion on informal economy
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