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Minutes of the Fourth Irish Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: October 31st, 2008

Location: Immigrant Council of Ireland, 2 St Andrew Street, Dublin 2

Participants & Organisations they are representing:

Present

- Fidele Mutwarasibo – Immigrant Council of Ireland
- Sr. Joan Roddy – Refugee and Migrant Project of the Irish Bishops' Conference
- Diane Nurse – Health Service Executive
- Geralyn McGary – Citizens Information Board
- Gerry Folan – Dublin City Council
- Detective Superintendent John O'Driscoll – Garda National Immigration Bureau

Apologies

- Gerry Mangan – Office for Social Inclusion
- Sr. Breege Keenan – Vincentian Refugee Centre
- Ann Gilton – Training and Employment Authority (FÁS)
- Duglas Cubie – International Organization for Migration – Ireland

Irish Partner:

I. AGENDA OF THE MEETING

- Minutes of the May 29th, 2008
- The One-Stop-Shop Country report (Ireland)
- Working Document 1 – Comparative report
- Working Document 3 – Handbook
- Next Steps
- Any Other Business
- Next Meeting

II. MAIN OUTCOMES AND CONCLUSIONS

- Case of the Somali person on page 45 of the country report is sensitive and there are proceedings in the High Court, report should avoid having specific cases as such especially where people might dispute the facts
- Citizens Information Centres (CICs) are independent organisations and are not branches of the Citizens Information Board (CIB). They are funded by the CIB. The 42 CICs operating in 268 locations form a network of the Citizens Information Services.
- Recommendations 4 and 7 in the country report contradict each over. In the scheme of things parallel networks should not be set up, it would make sense to build on existing structures
- ICI and other NGOs providing services to the migrants are reviewing their structures and operations and this might lead to changes in the services to the migrants. This process is independent of the One-Stop-Shop initiative
- There a case for the various services to the migrants to explore how to complement each other
- The current economic recession should be taken on board. Changing realities
- More than ever before, it is critical to gather information on migration data

III. AGENDA FOR NEXT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

- One-Stop-Shop handbook

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