

Joint statement
Regional meeting of Ombudsmen
Athens, June 2, 2017

Confirming our shared responsibility to realise the promotion and protection of the rights of migrants and refugees,

Taking into consideration the actions of the South Eastern Europe Ombudsmen and the so far joint declarations and joint activities,

We commit ourselves to:

- a. Increase the flow of information between our institutions in the fields of fact finding missions, legislation and administrative practice*
- b. Ensure full access to the asylum procedure*
- c. Safeguard the rights of vulnerable groups*
- d. Monitor and inspect possible human rights violations and lack of standard and transparent procedure in returns, relocations and resettlement within each institution's mandate.*
- e. Further encourage joint actions and cooperation on issues of mutual concern*