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1. TREATED AS CHILDREN

Children are, first and foremost, children and should be treated in full accordance with international law regarding child rights.



2. FREE

Children should under no circumstances be detained. Liberty is a fundamental human right.



3. LOOKED AFTER

The best interest of the child must be the primary consideration in any action that a State might take in relation to a child.



4. IN THE COMMUNITY

States should transpose into their respective legislation and practice an end to the detention of children for migration reasons and seek to develop appropriate community placement models.



5. WITH THEIR PARENTS

Consistent with the principles of family unity, the parents or primary care-givers should not be detained, but should be allowed to live in the community setting with their children, while having their status assessed. Unaccompanied or separated children should be appointed an independent guardian.

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