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In Greece
You are in Greece, you are in Europe.

Are you under 18 years old? In Greece you are a minor until you turn 18. Your age is very important. Children and teenagers are protected and treated differently than adults. Please tell the truth about your age.
If you apply for asylum in Greece, it means that you ask the Greek State to protect you because you're afraid of having serious problems if you return to your home country.

If you apply for asylum in Greece, you will not be returned to your country, or any other country, while your application for asylum is considered.
You have the right to speak and to be heard.
You have the right to have a guardian appointed to help you.

You have the right to medical care.
You have the right to go to school.

If you are a minor and you want Greece to protect you and to not return you to your country.

If you are staying in Greece without your parent(s).

If your parents are in another European member state.

You can apply for asylum at the Asylum Service.
The asylum procedure

Applying for asylum means applying for protection!

The procedure before the Asylum Service & Interpretation is totally free of charge

The Public Prosecutor for minors will act as your guardian. In most cases he/she will appoint a representative for you.

The representative will represent you throughout the procedure safeguarding your best interest.
The first step: Registration

The Asylum Service officer will ask you for your personal data, your identity and nationality, and the reasons you cannot or do not want to return to your country. If you are over 15, the staff at the Asylum Service will take your fingerprints. If you are under 15, your representative will accompany you and represent you.
The second step: Interview

After some time you will be notified to come to the Asylum Service to have the asylum interview. It is very important that you do not miss your interview!
During your interview, you can tell your story. It is important that you tell everything that has happened to you and the reasons you cannot return to your home country.

The caseworker writes down everything you say. If you are very young, the interview can be omitted.
The third step:
Issuance of the decision

After your interview,
you have to be patient.

It will take some time to get
the decision regarding your claim
For many children and teenagers
it is very hard to wait.
We will do our best to help you.

Use the time to learn something new,
go to school!
You can speak in your language. Interpreters will be with you during the asylum procedure. Interpreters speak both Greek and the language you speak. They interpret what you say into Greek and they do not share anything you say with others.

If you do not understand the interpreter, please, say so immediately.
If you are recognized as a refugee or a beneficiary of subsidiary protection, you are granted a residence permit for 3 years and travel documents, in order to travel abroad.

(in EU Member States you can only stay for 3 months every 6 months)

Appeals Authority

If your application for asylum is rejected (or if you are granted subsidiary protection and you believe that you must be granted refugee status) you can appeal the decision before the Appeals Authority. They will take a final decision on your claim.

The Greek State is obliged to offer you the services of a lawyer in order to help you appeal this decision. It is your right. If the lawyer is not provided, ask. The appeal must be submitted within the time frames mentioned at the end of the negative decision.
If your claim is rejected by the Appeals Authority you can still (under conditions) appeal this decision before the courts.

If the appeal is rejected (or if you do not appeal the decision) you might (under conditions) be submitted to a return procedure to your home country.
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