

NGO / Institution	Title	Date	Type	Concerns	Direct Link
Amnesty International	Submission on proposed Return Law ("Proposed Changes to the Law on the Return of Third Country Nationals and Other Provisions")	14/8/25	Submission	Criminalisation; breach of EU law; punitive "prison or return"; due process risks.	https://www.amnesty.org/en/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/ENUR2502042025ENGLISH.pdf
Amnesty International	"Greece: New asylum and return proposals flagrantly breach international law..."	18/7/25	Press release	Suspension of asylum registration; discriminatory rules; Libya cooperation; undermines right to seek asylum.	https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2025/07/greece-new-asylum-and-return-proposals-flagrantly-breach-international-law-and-punishes-people-seeking-protection/
Human Rights Watch (HRW)	Comments on draft Returns Bill	1/8/25	Submission	Violations of EU refugee law; excessive detention; breach of non-refoulement; limiting access to asylum.	https://www.hrw.org/news/2025/08/20/greece-submission-draft-law-returns
Greek Council for Refugees (GCR)	Position on Returns Bill	1/8/25	Public statement	Incompatibility with EU asylum guarantees; disproportionate sanctions; risks to protection seekers.	https://www.gcr.gr/en/news
Refugee Support Aegean (RSA)	Statement on Returns Law	1/9/25	Statement	Structural deterrence; unlawful detention; undermines asylum system.	https://refugeelegalsupport.org/joint-statement-urging-the-greek-government-to-withdraw-the-new-draft-law-on-returns/
Equal Legal Aid (ELA)	Joint Statement: "Urging the Greek Government to withdraw the new draft law on returns" (with RLS, MIT, others)	4/8/25	Joint statement	Reduced voluntary departure; criminalisation; detention expansion; loss of permits; rushed parliament process.	https://www.equallegalaid.org/joint-statement-urging-the-greek-government-to-withdraw-the-new-draft-law-on-returns/
Mobile Info Team (MIT)	Signatory to ELA/RLS Joint Statement	4/8/25	Joint statement	As above (criminalisation, detention, reduced rights, oversight).	https://www.mobileinfoteam.org/advocacy
Refugee Legal Support (RLS)	Host of ELA/MIT Joint Statement	4/8/25	Joint statement	Highlighted lack of democratic scrutiny and coercive framing.	https://refugeelegalsupport.org/joint-statement-urging-the-greek-government-to-withdraw-the-new-draft-law-on-returns/
CRAN Network (Terre des hommes Hellas + members)	Joint Statement on Draft Law Regarding Returns	31/7/25	Joint statement	Risks undermining children's rights; urged compliance with child protection obligations.	https://tdh.gr/en/joint-statement-cran-network-draft-law-regarding-returns
UNHCR	Statement on Returns Law (post-passage)	3/9/25	Statement	Risk of penalising genuine refugees; need fast-track asylum to identify protection needs.	https://www.unhcr.org/gr/en/news
European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE)	Policy note on Returns Bill & NGO Law	Aug–Sep 2025	Policy analysis	EU law breaches; risk of replication; shrinking civic space.	https://ecre.org/category/policy-papers/