**INSTRUCTION ON THE RIGHT TO FREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE**

Free legal assistance is the right of the applicant or a foreigner, who was deprived of refugee status or subsidiary protection under the decision issued, and who acts without a lawyer or a solicitor.

Free legal assistance is not the right of a foreigner, who was deprived of refugee status or subsidiary protection under the decision issued, if he / she has the income greater than 100% of the income criteria set out in Article 8 of the Act of 12 March 2004 on social assistance (Journal of Laws of 2015, No 163, as amended).

Free legal assistance includes:

1) preparing an appeal against the decision:

a) refusal to grant refugee status or subsidiary protection,

b) the discontinuance of proceedings on the granting of international protection,

c) transferring the applicant to the Member State responsible for examining an application for international protection and the discontinuance of proceedings,

d) considering an application for international protection as inadmissible

e) refusal to take into account the applicant's statements about its intention to continue applying for international protection,

f) deprivation of refugee status or subsidiary protection;

2) legal representation in the appeal proceedings on:

a) granting of international protection,

b) transferring the applicant to the Member State responsible for examining an application for international protection,

c) deprivation of refugee status or subsidiary protection.

Free legal assistance shall be granted personally by the authorized lawyer, legal counsel or a representative of the NGO entered in the list of non-governmental organisations engaged in charitable activities, authorised to provide free legal assistance, which is kept by the Head of the Office for Foreigners.

Information about legal advisers, lawyers and non-governmental organisations engaged in charitable activities and entitled to provide free legal assistance are placed on the website of the Office for Foreigners, i.e. www.udsc.gov.pl.

The power of attorney shall be granted by a foreigner to authorised lawyer, legal counsel or a representative of an NGO in order to provide free legal assistance.