

Council Directive 2004/81/EC of 29 April 2004 on the residence permit issued to third-country nationals who are victims of trafficking in human beings or who have been the subject of an action to facilitate illegal immigration, who cooperate with the competent authorities

## CHAPTER II

### PROCEDURE FOR ISSUING THE RESIDENCE PERMIT

#### *Article 7*

##### **Treatment granted before the issue of the residence permit**

- 1 Member States shall ensure that the third-country nationals concerned who do not have sufficient resources are granted standards of living capable of ensuring their subsistence and access to emergency medical treatment. They shall attend to the special needs of the most vulnerable, including, where appropriate and if provided by national law, psychological assistance.
- 2 Member States shall take due account of the safety and protection needs of the third-country nationals concerned when applying this Directive, in accordance with national law.
- 3 Member States shall provide the third-country nationals concerned, where appropriate, with translation and interpreting services.
- 4 Member States may provide the third-country nationals concerned with free legal aid, if established and under the conditions set by national law.