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Fair Transition Sweden Welcomes Migration Adjustments, Urges Parliament to Include Transitional Provisions in Citizenship Reform

We welcome the government's decision to pause teen deportations, allow workers affected by the abolition of the track change law to reapply from within Sweden, and adjust work permit rules sends a clear signal: when reforms produce unfair outcomes, adjustments are warranted.

One critical issue remains unaddressed:

The government plans to apply new, stricter citizenship requirements to the roughly 100,000 applications already pending at the Swedish Migration Agency, including applications submitted years ago under the previous rules. Both the government's own inquiry and the Council on Legislation (Lagrådet) have explicitly warned against this, citing risks to legal certainty and predictability.

The fix is simple: applications submitted before the new law enters into force on June 6 should be assessed under the rules that applied when they were filed.

"Today's announcement confirms that the government will act when policy creates unreasonable outcomes," said Patrick Henry Gallen, spokesperson for Fair Transition Sweden. "That same willingness is needed here. 100,000 people applied in good faith. Parliament can protect them simply by including transitional provisions in the final law."

Fair Transition Sweden calls on members of the Socialförsäkringsutskottet and all Riksdag members to ensure transitional provisions are included in the final legislation.