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## RÉSUMÉS

Since the Second World War many people have migrated to the Netherlands, in particular from Indonesia, from Surinam, from the Netherlands Antilles, and from countries in the Mediterranean area. It has become clear by now that the vast majority of them have settled permanently. They have become immigrants, a fact has been admitted by the Dutch government. They pass under the name of “ethnic minorities”, and the policy elaborated for them bears this name as well. In the “Draft Minorities Report” (1981) and later in the “Minorities Report” (1983) too, the government expresses its wish to elaborate the minorities policy with the participation of the immigrants involved. It proposes explicitly to strengthen the general political influence of ethnic groups. The most far-reaching measure on that head is the enfranchisement of non-Netherlands immigrants.