The complex legal process coordinated by the Ministry of Justice, which began in 2022 and in which the Ministry of the Interior, the State Border Guard Service, and the Migration Department actively participated, has reached an important milestone - Lithuania officially appealed to the International Court of Justice against Belarus.

This lawsuit seeks to hold the Belarusian regime accountable for organizing large-scale illegal migration, which posed a threat to human lives and violated international obligations.

The case concerns violations of the United Nations Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air.

The main demands raised in Lithuania's lawsuit are to recognize Belarus' responsibility for violations of international law and to compensate for the financial and reputational damage caused.

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