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## Monthly statistical report November 2011

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Table 1 - Activity from 20/11/2000

| <b>Applications</b>   | <b>Pre 2003</b> | <b>2003</b>  | <b>2004</b>  | <b>2005</b>  | <b>2006</b>  | <b>2007</b>  | <b>2008</b>  | <b>2009</b>  | <b>2010</b>  | <b>2011</b>  | <b>Total</b>  |
|---|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| New applications for a declaration as a refugee                                   | *11598          | 7,483        | 4,265        | 4,304        | 4,241        | 3,933        | 3,807        | 2,660        | 1,918        | 1,186        | 33,797        |
| Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee                                    | *36             | 417          | 501          | 19           | 73           | 52           | 59           | 29           | 21           | 8            | 1,179         |
| <b>Total applications for a declaration as a refugee</b>                          | <b>*11634</b>   | <b>7,900</b> | <b>4,766</b> | <b>4,323</b> | <b>4,314</b> | <b>3,985</b> | <b>3,866</b> | <b>2,689</b> | <b>1,939</b> | <b>1,194</b> | <b>34,976</b> |
| Balance of applications awaiting a recommendation from 17/11/00                   | 9,427           |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |               |
| Applications received from 20/11/00   | 23,091          | 7,900        | 4,766        | 4,323        | 4,314        | 3,985        | 3,866        | 2,689        | 1,939        | 1,194        | 58,067        |
| Decisions returned for processing   | 293             | 36           | 147          | 184          | 211          | 121          | 120          | 107          | 16           | 3            | 1,238         |
| Previous DII determinations where transfer completed<br>[Deemed Withdrawn S22(8)] | 0               | 0            | 0            | 3            | 6            | 80           | 265          | 225          | 141          | 66           | 786           |
| <b>No. of applications processed since 20/11/00</b>                               | <b>32,810</b>   | <b>7,936</b> | <b>4,913</b> | <b>4,506</b> | <b>4,524</b> | <b>4,105</b> | <b>3,981</b> | <b>2,787</b> | <b>1,946</b> | <b>977</b>   | <b>68,485</b> |
| <i>Unprocessable</i>  | <i>1</i>        | <i>0</i>     | <i>0</i>     | <i>1</i>     | <i>1</i>     | <i>0</i>     | <i>0</i>     | <i>0</i>     | <i>0</i>     | <i>0</i>     | <i>3</i>      |
| <b>No. of applications outstanding</b>  | <b>0</b>        | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>     | <b>1</b>     | <b>5</b>     | <b>9</b>     | <b>9</b>     | <b>220</b>   | <b>244</b>    |

It should be noted that the above figures refer to the year in which the application was lodged and NOT to the year in which it was processed.

These statistics reflect activity since the implementation of the Refugee Act 1996 (as amended) on 17/11/2000.

#### Processing of Outstanding Applications

All adult applicants are scheduled for interview. In November 128 interviews were scheduled. Excluding interviews postponed, applicants attended in 90.7% of cases.

#### Decisions Returned for Processing

These are EU Dublin II Regulation cases in which their transfers have expired and which have therefore been returned to ORAC for further processing.

The total number of cases returned for processing in 2011 is 102 as at 30<sup>th</sup> of November.

\*2002 only

Table 2 - Activity breakdown for November 2011

**Applications**

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| New applications for a declaration as a refugee          | 117        |
| Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee           | 0          |
| <b>Total applications for a declaration as a refugee</b> | <b>117</b> |

**Recommendations**

|   |                       |
|---|-----------------------|
| Recommendations to grant an applicant refugee status    | 3                     |
| Recommendation to refuse an applicant refugee status    |                       |
| ▪ Where section 13(4)(b) applies                        | 57                    |
| ▪ Where section 13(5) applies                           | 26                    |
|   | - Withdrawn 7         |
| ▪ Where section 13(2) applies                           | - Deemed Withdrawn 13 |
|   | - Total 20            |
| ▪ Where section 22(8) applies                           | 15                    |
| ▪ Determinations made under the EU Dublin II Regulation | 13                    |
| Unprocessable   | 0                     |
| Amendment / Adjustment                                  | 0                     |
| <b>Total recommendations made</b>                       | <b>134</b>            |

**Additional cases**

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Cases returned for processing   | 6         |
| Decisions withdrawn/reviewed  | 2         |
| Previous DII determinations where transfer completed [Deemed Withdrawn s.22(8)] | 15        |
| <b>Total additional cases</b>   | <b>23</b> |

Table 3 - Cases Processed to Completion [2002 to 2011 (30/11)]

|   | 2002          | 2003         | 2004         | 2005         | 2006         | 2007         | 2008         | 2009         | 2010         | 2011         |
|---|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Positive recommendations  | 894           | 345          | 430          | 455          | 397          | 376          | 295          | 97           | 24           | 57           |
| Negative recommendations following interview                              | 5,965         | 5,461        | 4,906        | 3,952        | 3,249        | 2,621        | 2,942        | 2,612        | 1,309        | 991          |
| Other negative recommendations and cases withdrawn                        | 7,565         | 3,509        | 1,562        | 835          | 598          | 811          | 964          | 797          | 596          | 461          |
| Determinations made under the Dublin Convention / EU Dublin II Regulation | 191           | 237          | 243          | 439          | 540          | 368          | 385          | 402          | 263          | 229          |
| Unprocessable   | 586           | -911         | -20          | 1            | 0            | -24          | -1           | 0            | 0            | 0            |
| Amendment/Adjustment  |               |              |              |              |              |              | -4           |              |              |              |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>15,201</b> | <b>8,641</b> | <b>7,121</b> | <b>5,682</b> | <b>4,784</b> | <b>4,152</b> | <b>4,581</b> | <b>3,908</b> | <b>2,192</b> | <b>1,738</b> |

It should be noted that the above figures refer to the year in which the recommendations were made, and not to the year in which the applications were lodged.

Table 4

Applications received and cases processed to completion which are subject to a Ministerial prioritisation directive under Section 12 of the Refugee Act 1996 - November 2011

**Applications**

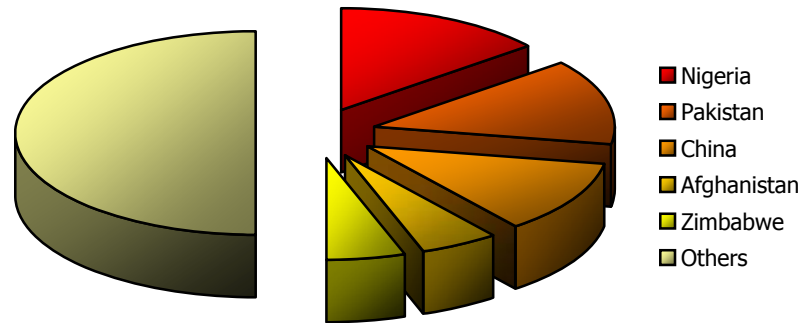
**Total applications for a declaration as a refugee** **1**

**Recommendations**

|   |                    |   |
|---|--------------------|---|
| Recommendations to grant an applicant refugee status    | 0                  |   |
| Recommendation to refuse an applicant refugee status    |                    |   |
| ▪ Where section 13(4)(b) applies                        | 1                  |   |
| ▪ Where section 13(5) applies                           | 3                  |   |
|   | - Withdrawn        | 0 |
| ▪ Where section 13(2) applies                           | - Deemed Withdrawn | 0 |
|   | - Total            | 0 |
| ▪ Where section 22(8) applies                           | 0                  |   |
| ▪ Determinations made under the EU Dublin II Regulation | 0                  |   |
| Unprocessable   | 0                  |   |
| <b>Total recommendations made</b>                       | <b>4</b>           |   |

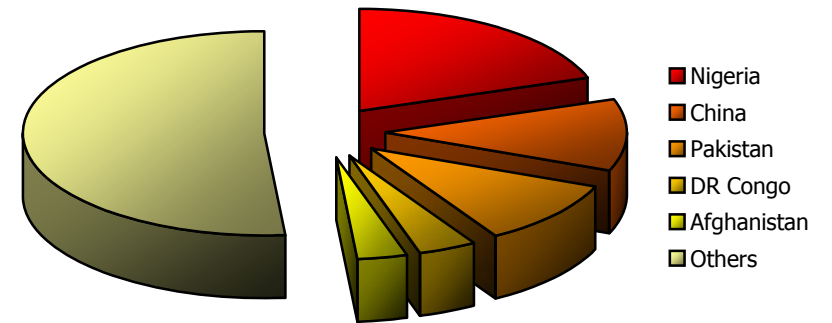
Table 5 - Applications for a declaration to be a refugee (top 5 nationalities)

Applications in 2011 (30/11)



| Nationality  | Applications | % of total   |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Nigeria      | 169          | 14.2         |
| Pakistan     | 164          | 13.7         |
| China        | 139          | 11.6         |
| Afghanistan  | 62           | 5.2          |
| Zimbabwe     | 62           | 5.2          |
| Others       | 598          | 50.1         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>1,194</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

Applications in 2010 (30/11)



| Nationality  | Applications | % of total   |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Nigeria      | 357          | 19.7         |
| China        | 206          | 11.4         |
| Pakistan     | 189          | 10.4         |
| DR Congo     | 67           | 3.7          |
| Afghanistan  | 61           | 3.4          |
| Others       | 934          | 51.5         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>1,814</b> | <b>100.0</b> |