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# TRENDS IN REFUGEE STATUS DETERMINATION 1 JANUARY – 30 SEPTEMBER 2004

**ASYLUM APPLICATIONS, REFUGEE STATUS DETERMINATION  
AND PENDING CASES IN 73, MOSTLY DEVELOPING, COUNTRIES**

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## INTRODUCTION

1. In many non-industrialized countries, UNHCR cooperates closely with governments in the process of individual refugee status determination. This report analyses refugee status determination data in 73 asylum countries for which statistics were available as per mid-November covering the period 1 January to 30 September 2004. For 51 of the 73 countries, it is possible to make a quarterly breakdown of the data (see charts and Table 4). Trends in the size of the refugee population, new refugee arrivals, voluntary repatriation and resettlement departures in these 73 asylum countries are analyzed separately in the document *Global Refugee Trends, 1 January – 30 September 2004*.

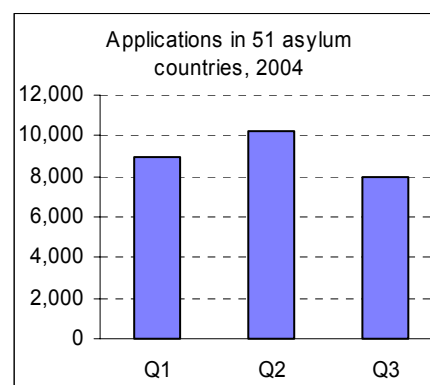
2. The 73 countries covered by this document are mostly developing countries where UNHCR provides operational support to host Governments.<sup>1</sup> The main purpose of this report is to provide updated statistics for *individual* countries and operations.<sup>2</sup>

3. The statistics provided here should be considered as provisional, subject to change. The country codes used in the tables are explained in Annex I. The data provided in the tables generally refer to first instance procedures only. In the few cases where data are available on more than one procedure (first instance and review/appeal, UNHCR and Government), they have been combined.

## Applications

4. From 1 January to 30 September 2004, some 55,600 applications for asylum or refugee status were recorded in the 73 asylum countries covered by this report. During the first nine months of 2004, the number of applications for asylum or refugee status among the 73 countries exceeded 1,000 in 9 countries namely Malaysia, (14,200), Cyprus (6,600), Ecuador (6,600), Egypt (6,400), Pakistan (2,700), Ethiopia (2,600), Guinea (2,100), Cameroon (1,700), and Venezuela (1,600) (see *Table 1*).

5. In the 73 countries, the largest number of refugee status claims was submitted by asylum-seekers from Colombia (8,330), Myanmar (7,350), Sudan (6,880), Indonesia (6,680), Afghanistan (2,340), Bangladesh (2,070), Eritrea (2,010), Côte d'Ivoire (1,740), Liberia (1,530) and Pakistan (1,530).



6. Quarterly trends in 51 asylum countries with available data indicate that the level of applications increased during the second quarter, but fell to the lowest level during the third quarter (see *chart*).

## Decisions

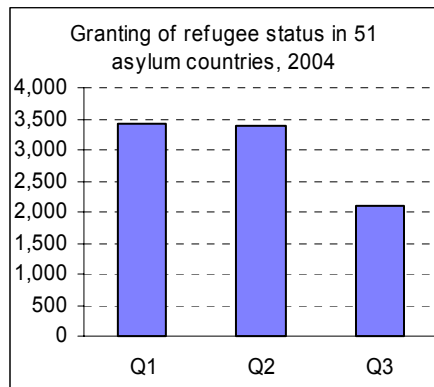
7. Of the 52,400 refugee status determination decisions taken during the first nine months of 2004, 12,100 were positive (recognized), whereas 13,200 applications were rejected on substantive grounds. The refugee recognition rate in these countries for all

<sup>1</sup> For an overview of asylum trends in industrialized countries, see: <http://www.unhcr.org/statistics>, *Asylum Trends*.

<sup>2</sup> For a comprehensive overview of global and regional trends in asylum and refugee status determination, see <http://www.unhcr.org/statistics>, *2003 Global Refugee Trends*.

nationalities combined during the first nine months of 2004 stood at 32 per cent. Some 13,900 claims were closed for other, non-substantive reasons.

8. In 17 of the 73 countries, individual asylum-seekers have been granted complementary forms of protection. During the first nine months of 2004, some 13,200 asylum-seekers were allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons. The large majority of these cases (11,250) were reported by the UNHCR Office in Malaysia. The recognition rate in these 73 countries amounted to 66 per cent when asylum-seekers granted complementary protection are also included (see *Table 1*).



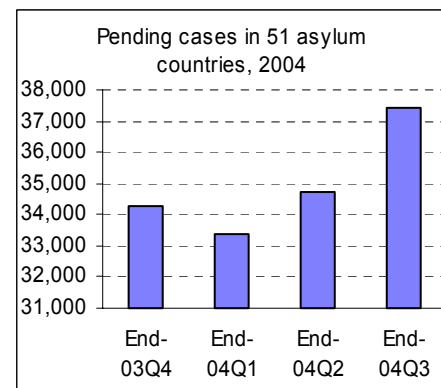
9. In eight of the 73 countries, the number of refugee status determination decisions taken during the first nine months of 2004 was 1,000 or higher, namely in Malaysia (13,700), Pakistan (7,790), Ecuador (6,650), Egypt (5,760), Cyprus (2,650), Ethiopia (2,620), Cameroon (1,320) and Yemen (1,140) (see *Table 1*).

10. In the 51 asylum countries for which quarterly trends are available, the number of decisions during the third quarter were the lowest since 1 January 2004 (see *chart*).

### Pending cases ("backlog")

11. The number of pending cases or backlog is a key indicator for the efficiency in deciding refugee claims as well as for the workload of the office responsible for the adjudication process. If the backlog of undecided cases has increased during the period, the number of new applications lodged exceeded the number of decisions. Conversely, a decrease in the number of pending cases shows that more cases have been decided than submitted. In the 73 countries with available data, the backlog increased by 4 per cent during the first nine months of 2004 to 81,700 cases at the end of September.

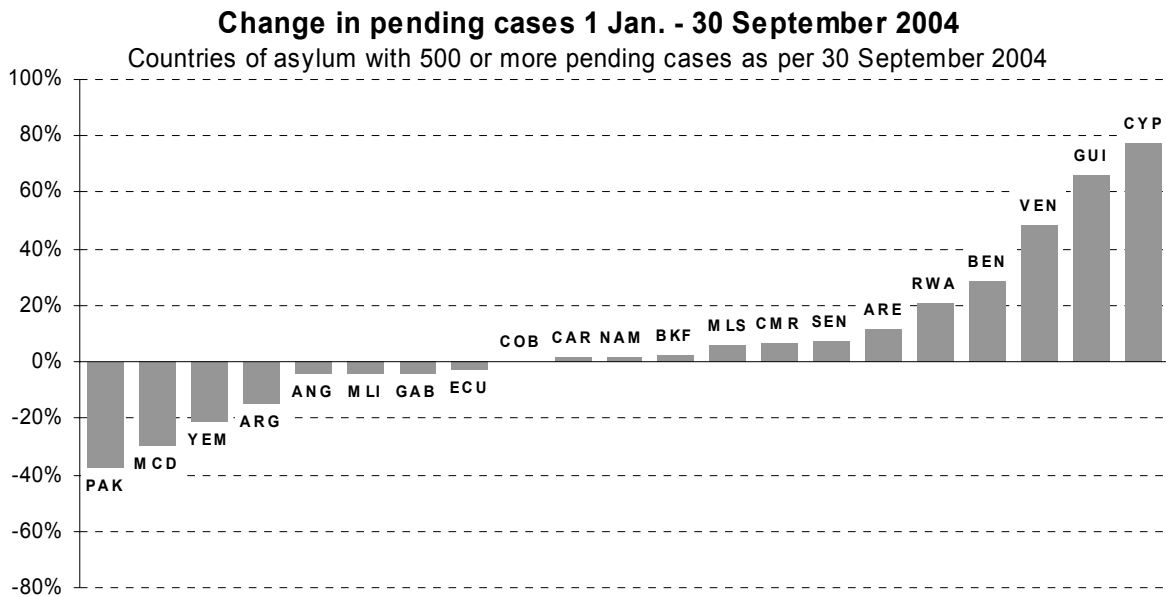
12. In the 51 countries which reported data for each of the three quarters of 2004, the backlog of undecided cases fell during the first quarter of 2004, but increased during the second and third quarter of 2004 (see *chart*).



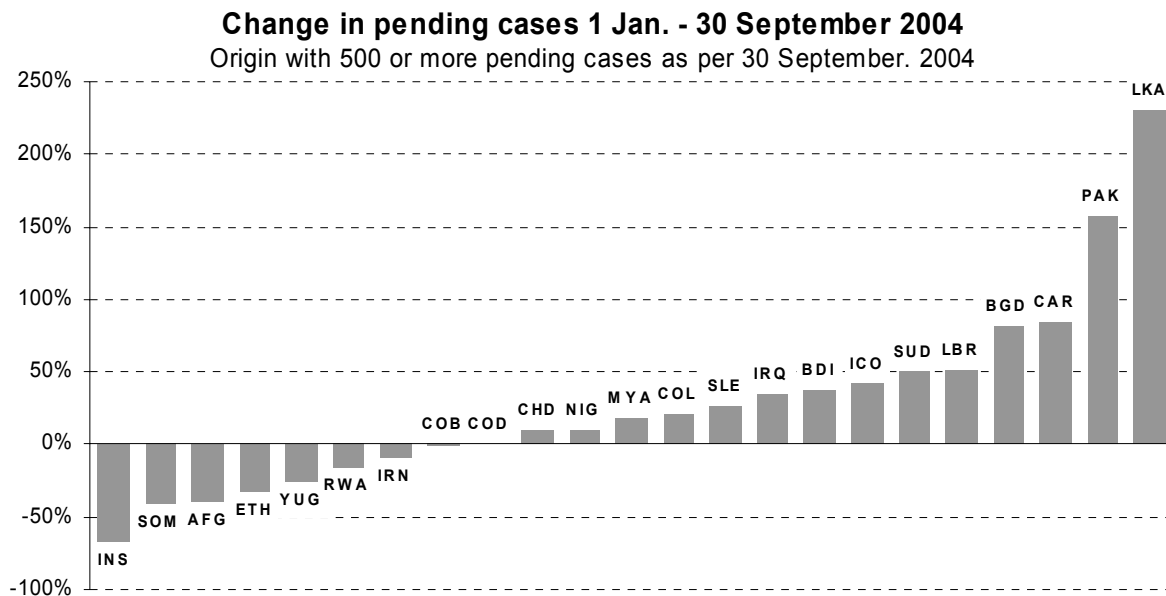
13. By the end of September 2004, there were 16 countries where the number of undecided applications for refugee status exceeded 1,000. The highest number of pending cases was found in Malaysia (9,750), Cyprus (9,030), Pakistan (8,570), Egypt (6,040), Cameroon (6,030), Gabon (4,910), Guinea (4,230), Rwanda (3,640), Central African Republic (3,440), and Venezuela (3,400) (see *Table 1*).

14. At the end of September 2004, there were 21 countries with 500 or more undecided cases. Among these 21 countries, the number of undecided cases during the first nine months of 2004 increased by 10 per cent or more in Cyprus (78%), Guinea (66%), Venezuela (48%), Benin (29%), Rwanda (21%), and Egypt (12%).

15. Significant reductions in the backlog of undecided cases during the first nine months of 2004 were achieved in Pakistan (-37%), FYR Macedonia (-29%), Yemen (-21%) and Argentina (-15%) (see Table 1 and chart).



16. Among the 17 nationalities with more than 1,000 undecided claims at the end of September 2004, the number of pending cases during the period increased for asylum-seekers from Pakistan (158%), Bangladesh (82%), Liberia (52%), Sudan (51%), Côte d'Ivoire (42%), Burundi (37%), Iraq (35%), Sierra Leone (27%), Colombia (21%), Myanmar (18%), and Chad (10%). Nationalities which recorded an important decrease in undecided cases included asylum-seekers from Somalia (-41%), Afghanistan (-40%), Serbia and Montenegro (-25%) and Rwanda (-16%) (see Table 2 and chart).



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**Table 1. Applications, refugee status determination and pending cases by country of asylum**

Coverage: 73 asylum countries for which statistics were available at mid-November 2004

Data are provisional and subject to change.

(Code) Country of asylum	Pending begin year		Applied since 1 Jan.	Decisions since 1 January					Pending end- quarter		Protection indicators		
	Total	UNHCR assisted		Recog- nized	Other	Rejected	Otherw. closed	Total	Total	UNHCR assisted	Recognition rates (excl. o/w. cl.)		% change pend. cases
											Ref. status	Total	
ALG	2	-	23	-	-	5	3	8	17	-	0%	0%	750%
ANG	1,006	-	94	76	-	63	-	139	961	-	55%	55%	-4%
ARE	5,409	-	6,392	3,387	-	910	1,463	5,760	6,041	-	79%	79%	12%
ARG	1,211	742	209	149	8	200	41	398	1,030	365	42%	44%	-15%
ARM	34	-	112	-	77	13	17	107	39	-	0%	86%	15%
BEN	730	-	507	62	-	170	70	302	940	-	27%	27%	29%
BGD	8	-	15	1	-	5	4	10	13	-	17%	17%	63%
BKF	499	-	74	13	-	48	2	63	510	-	21%	21%	2%
BLR	327	-	132	16	-	18	24	58	401	-	47%	47%	23%
BOL	1	1	21	-	-	-	6	6	16	16	..	..	1500%
BRA	583	583	300	56	-	153	205	414	469	469	27%	27%	-20%
BZE	14	14	30	1	-	6	7	14	24	23	14%	14%	71%
CAM	46	16	513	272	-	91	22	385	174	150	75%	75%	278%
CAR	3,397	2,236	367	251	29	40	-	320	3,444	-	78%	88%	1%
CHI	43	3	148	38	2	37	60	137	54	22	49%	52%	26%
CHL	49	19	174	61	-	60	4	125	98	19	50%	50%	100%
CMR	5,675	-	1,668	554	-	729	33	1,316	6,027	-	43%	43%	6%
COB	3,224	-	327	56	-	261	5	322	3,229	-	18%	18%	0%
COD	446	10	153	36	1	72	71	180	419	13	33%	34%	-6%
COL	13	18	33	14	-	2	1	17	29	25	88%	88%	123%
CUB	6	3	11	7	-	2	2	11	6	-	78%	78%	0%
CYP	5,082	-	6,592	62	17	1,512	1,058	2,649	9,025	10	4%	5%	78%
ECU	2,565	2,566	6,575	1,509	-	3,215	1,927	6,651	2,489	2,489	32%	32%	-3%
EST	3	-	15	-	-	3	-	3	8	-	0%	0%	167%
ETH	10	10	2,633	1,706	907	7	2	2,622	17	17	65%	100%	70%
GAB	5,118	5,118	112	12	-	313	-	325	4,905	4,905	4%	4%	-4%
GEO	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	0%	0%	-100%
GNB	83	83	42	15	-	-	-	15	110	110	100%	100%	33%
GUA	2	-	12	-	-	-	6	6	8	-	..	..	300%
GUI	2,544	-	2,102	354	-	61	-	415	4,231	-	85%	85%	66%
HON	-	-	78	1	-	15	55	71	7	-	6%	6%	..
IND	377	377	644	352	-	408	85	845	176	176	46%	46%	-53%
INS	68	68	70	44	4	73	26	93	107	107	36%	40%	57%
IRN	1	1	19	-	-	-	1	1	19	19	..	..	1800%
KOR	139	136	99	-	-	1	11	12	226	226	0%	0%	63%
KUW	190	190	10	-	-	1	-	1	199	195	0%	0%	5%
LBY	58	-	577	255	-	70	124	449	185	-	78%	78%	219%
LKA	6	6	107	13	-	33	9	55	58	58	28%	28%	867%
LTU	96	96	98	5	189	39	75	308	15	-	2%	83%	-84%
LVA	-	-	5	-	-	5	-	5	-	-	0%	0%	..
MAU	55	55	150	44	-	2	-	46	159	-	96%	96%	189%
MCD	2,285	2,285	84	9	598	6	143	756	1,613	1,619	1%	99%	-29%
MDA	140	140	94	1	-	5	32	38	196	196	17%	17%	40%
MEX	82	-	293	58	5	128	71	262	113	-	30%	33%	38%
MLI	712	712	845	872	-	3	-	875	682	682	100%	100%	-4%
MLS	9,206	85	14,202	1,027	11,251	57	1,328	13,663	9,745	-	8%	100%	6%
NAM	1,986	1,986	213	27	-	-	157	184	2,015	2,015	100%	100%	1%
NEP	237	16	237	3	85	3	54	133	329	9	3%	97%	39%
NGR	13	-	30	3	-	4	21	29	14	-	43%	43%	8%
NIC	17	11	14	9	-	3	7	19	12	12	75%	75%	-29%
PAK	13,703	13,703	2,654	102	-	3,301	4,389	7,792	8,565	8,565	3%	3%	-37%

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Table 1 (continued)

(Code) Country of asylum	Pending begin year		Applied since 1 Jan.	Decisions since 1 January					Pending end- quarter		Protection indicators		
	Total	UNHCR assisted		Recog- nized	Other	Rejected	Otherw. closed	Total	Total	UNHCR assisted	Recognition rates (excl. o/w. cl.)		% change pend. cases
											Ref. status	Total	
PAR	4	4	12	2	-	-	-	2	14	14	100%	100%	250%
PHI	38	-	10	1	-	-	1	2	46	4	100%	100%	21%
PNG	306	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	305	2	..	..	0%
RWA	3,015	3,015	646	-	17	-	-	18	3,643	3,660	0%	100%	21%
SAL	-	-	3	-	-	1	1	2	1	-	0%	0%	..
SAU	168	-	209	5	18	48	39	110	267	-	7%	32%	59%
SEN	2,265	2,265	363	77	-	125	-	202	2,426	2,426	38%	38%	7%
SIN	2	2	7	2	-	3	-	5	4	4	40%	40%	100%
SOM	196	-	190	5	-	28	-	33	353	-	15%	15%	80%
SRV	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	..	..	..
SVN	170	170	931	17	17	259	552	845	256	256	6%	12%	51%
TAN	163	163	-	-	-	-	-	-	163	163	..	..	0%
TKM	4	4	24	14	-	9	-	23	5	5	61%	61%	25%
TMP	10	10	10	-	-	-	-	-	10	10	..	..	0%
TOG	8	-	164	28	-	-	1	29	142	-	100%	100%	1675%
UAE	63	-	49	22	-	13	29	64	48	-	63%	63%	-24%
URU	9	-	7	6	-	-	-	6	10	10	100%	100%	11%
UZB	967	967	167	67	-	63	547	678	455	455	52%	52%	-53%
VEN	2,291	1,924	1,599	124	-	128	242	494	3,396	-	49%	49%	48%
YEM	1,066	1,066	916	165	15	184	776	1,140	842	842	45%	49%	-21%
YUG	32	32	44	6	-	17	18	41	35	35	26%	26%	9%
ZAM	19	-	313	62	-	80	106	248	84	-	44%	44%	342%
Total	78,299	40,911	55,573	12,136	13,240	13,113	13,934	52,360	81,674	30,398	32%	66%	4%

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**Table 2. Applications, refugee status determination and pending cases by origin**

Coverage: 73 asylum countries for which statistics were available at mid-November 2004

Figures between 1 and 4 have been replaced by an asterisk.

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(Code) Origin	Pending begin year		Applied since 1 Jan.	Decisions since 1 January					Pending end-quarter		Protection indicators		
	Total	UNHCR assisted		Recog-nized	Other (hum.)	Rejected	Otherw. closed	Total	Total	UNHCR assisted	Recognition rates (excl. o/w. cl.)		% change pend. cases
											Ref. status	Total	
AFG	14,112	13,852	2,343	274	16	3,028	4,730	7,994	8,461	8,122	8%	9%	-40%
ALB	15	13	144	*	-	23	105	131	28	26	12%	12%	87%
ALG	68	39	30	*	*	9	45	57	41	13	17%	25%	-40%
ANG	221	166	78	11	-	42	*	57	242	187	21%	21%	10%
ARE	62	28	53	*	-	24	36	63	52	10	11%	11%	-16%
ARG	*	*	*	-	-	*	*	*	5	5	0%	0%	67%
ARM	116	43	67	23	-	9	-	32	151	26	72%	72%	30%
AUL	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	..	..	..
AZE	34	10	30	14	*	7	-	23	40	7	61%	70%	18%
BDI	1,457	1,361	729	74	10	53	46	183	2,003	1,897	54%	61%	37%
BEN	15	*	*	-	-	*	-	*	17	5	0%	0%	13%
BGD	2,257	25	2,074	*	-	127	105	234	4,097	28	2%	2%	82%
BHU	206	-	23	-	85	*	40	126	103	-	0%	99%	-50%
BKF	8	*	*	*	-	-	-	*	10	*	100%	100%	25%
BLR	8	*	15	*	*	5	*	9	14	-	14%	29%	75%
BOL	*	-	*	-	-	-	*	*	5	*	..	..	67%
BRA	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	..	..	0%
BSN	21	10	79	*	*	27	25	55	45	34	7%	10%	114%
BUL	10	*	18	-	-	*	*	6	22	*	0%	0%	120%
BZE	*	-	-	-	-	*	-	*	-	-	0%	0%	-100%
CAM	*	-	95	-	-	-	22	22	75	-	..	..	3650%
CAR	493	63	988	233	-	310	30	573	908	69	43%	43%	84%
CHD	2,082	1,030	486	45	-	228	10	283	2,285	1,006	16%	16%	10%
CHI	57	46	238	10	-	16	14	39	255	75	38%	38%	347%
CHL	6	6	*	-	-	-	-	-	8	*	..	..	33%
CMR	98	58	58	*	-	16	*	21	135	70	16%	16%	38%
COB	3,388	2,365	261	54	*	210	29	295	3,354	2,305	20%	21%	-1%
COD	13,874	6,502	1,424	526	35	686	140	1,387	13,905	5,159	42%	45%	0%
COI	*	*	-	-	-	*	-	*	*	-	0%	0%	-33%
COL	4,941	4,537	8,330	1,684	5	3,393	2,199	7,281	5,990	2,509	33%	33%	21%
COS	*	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	-	-	..	..	-100%
CUB	174	122	185	45	-	53	69	167	192	86	46%	46%	10%
DJB	11	-	11	-	-	*	10	11	11	-	0%	0%	0%
DOM	10	*	5	-	-	*	*	*	11	*	0%	0%	10%
ECU	5	*	6	-	-	*	-	*	9	7	0%	0%	80%
EGU	45	41	11	-	-	*	-	*	55	48	0%	0%	22%
ERT	262	12	2,014	1,803	*	76	82	1,962	314	11	96%	96%	20%
EST	7	6	-	-	-	-	*	*	5	*	..	..	-29%
ETH	1,210	503	930	294	-	373	659	1,326	814	65	44%	44%	-33%
FRA	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	..	..	0%
GAB	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	..	..	0%
GAM	37	37	24	*	-	-	-	*	59	59	100%	100%	59%
GAZ	603	235	323	92	26	123	216	457	469	210	38%	49%	-22%
GEO	219	22	391	10	-	74	108	192	418	14	12%	12%	91%
GFR	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	..	..	..
GHA	62	46	24	*	-	13	*	16	71	55	7%	7%	15%

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Table 2 (continued)

(Code) Origin	Pending begin year		Applied since 1 Jan.	Decisions since 1 January					Pending end-quarter		Protection indicators		
	Total	UNHCR assisted		Recognized	Other (hum.)	Rejected	Otherw. closed	Total	Total	UNHCR assisted	Recognition rates (excl. o/w. cl.)		% change pend. cases
											Ref. status	Total	
GNB	135	131	5	-	-	9	9	18	122	121	0%	0%	-10%
GRE	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	..	..	0%
GUA	15	*	10	*	-	10	7	19	6	-	17%	17%	-60%
GUI	134	63	57	14	-	23	9	46	145	57	38%	38%	8%
GUY	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	..	..	0%
HAI	51	38	62	12	-	5	13	30	81	55	71%	71%	59%
HON	9	-	56	*	-	22	14	40	25	-	15%	15%	178%
HRV	*	-	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	-	50%	50%	-50%
ICO	1,453	197	1,742	1,013	-	87	25	1,125	2,070	241	92%	92%	42%
IND	75	28	399	*	-	14	41	57	417	17	13%	13%	456%
INS	2,106	33	6,683	409	7,515	-	163	8,087	695	7	5%	100%	-67%
IRN	868	84	664	41	*	506	251	802	792	92	7%	8%	-9%
IRQ	918	584	614	29	77	17	170	286	1,239	868	24%	86%	35%
ISR	*	*	*	-	-	-	*	*	*	*	..	..	100%
JOR	20	*	32	-	-	6	7	13	39	20	0%	0%	95%
JPN	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	0%	..
KAZ	17	-	16	5	-	*	-	6	28	-	83%	83%	65%
KEN	13	11	6	-	-	*	*	6	13	10	0%	0%	0%
KGZ	21	12	7	*	-	*	9	16	12	8	43%	43%	-43%
KOR	-	-	*	*	-	-	*	*	-	-	100%	100%	..
KUW	*	-	*	-	-	-	*	*	*	*	..	..	0%
LBR	1,721	547	1,526	401	19	138	81	637	2,608	586	72%	75%	52%
LBY	13	*	-	-	-	*	*	*	10	*	0%	0%	-23%
LEB	66	*	53	6	-	22	25	53	66	*	21%	21%	0%
LKA	229	61	582	6	-	17	30	53	758	63	26%	26%	231%
LTU	*	*	*	-	-	*	-	*	*	-	0%	0%	-50%
LVA	-	-	*	-	-	*	-	*	*	*	0%	0%	..
MAD	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	..	..	0%
MAU	279	241	30	30	-	50	*	81	228	191	38%	38%	-18%
MCD	19	19	44	-	*	21	29	53	10	10	0%	13%	-47%
MDA	42	*	71	-	-	19	25	44	69	*	0%	0%	64%
MDV	*	*	6	*	-	-	*	*	*	*	100%	100%	200%
MEX	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	..	..	..
MLI	7	*	15	*	-	9	*	11	11	8	10%	10%	57%
MLW	*	*	*	-	-	-	*	*	*	-	..	..	0%
MNG	*	-	*	-	-	*	-	*	*	-	0%	0%	33%
MOR	7	*	7	5	-	*	*	10	*	(2)	83%	83%	-43%
MOZ	*	*	5	-	-	*	*	*	5	5	0%	0%	25%
MTS	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	..	..	0%
MYA	7,302	314	7,353	825	3,738	321	1,141	6,025	8,630	157	17%	93%	18%
NEP	7	-	41	-	-	-	-	-	48	*	..	..	586%
NGR	22	11	6	*	-	9	*	13	15	9	10%	10%	-32%
NIC	*	-	8	-	-	*	*	7	*	-	0%	0%	50%
NIG	786	663	528	15	*	307	113	437	871	702	5%	5%	11%
NRU	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	..	..	0%
OMN	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	..	..	0%

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Table 2 (continued)

(Code) Origin	Pending begin year		Applied since 1 Jan.	Decisions since 1 January					Pending end-quarter		Protection indicators		
	Total	UNHCR assisted		Recog-nized	Other (hum.)	Rejected	Otherw. closed	Total	Total	UNHCR assisted	Recognition rates (excl. o/w. cl.)		% change pend. cases
											Ref. status	Total	
PAK	600	37	1,534	49	109	281	260	698	1,546	108	11%	36%	158%
PAR	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	..	..	0%
PER	564	306	173	42	5	183	25	255	487	195	18%	20%	-14%
PHI	-	-	5	-	-	-	*	-	*	*	..	..	..
POL	*	-	*	-	-	*	*	*	-	-	0%	0%	-100%
ROM	170	156	23	-	-	14	129	143	50	25	0%	0%	-71%
RSA	*	*	14	-	-	-	-	-	15	14	..	..	1400%
RUS	380	102	436	14	57	204	129	404	425	76	5%	26%	12%
RWA	1,613	902	144	118	*	112	172	404	1,353	754	51%	52%	-16%
SAL	*	-	43	*	-	16	9	28	16	-	16%	16%	1500%
SAU	7	*	-	-	-	-	*	*	6	*	..	..	-14%
SEN	93	78	21	9	-	15	*	27	87	44	38%	38%	-6%
SLE	2,478	1,151	948	147	*	111	18	280	3,144	1,144	56%	58%	27%
SOM	2,094	226	704	831	-	161	563	1,555	1,243	206	84%	84%	-41%
SPA	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	..	..	..
SRV	57	25	516	272	-	91	19	382	191	155	75%	75%	235%
STA	16	*	12	*	*	*	*	6	22	5	33%	67%	38%
SUD	3,508	810	6,876	2,456	905	705	1,039	5,106	5,283	85	60%	83%	51%
SUR	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	..	..	0%
SWA	*	*	*	*	-	-	-	*	*	*	100%	100%	0%
SYR	176	83	390	47	-	31	64	142	424	70	60%	60%	141%
TAN	135	131	59	*	-	88	17	106	88	83	1%	1%	-35%
THA	-	-	8	-	-	-	*	*	7	-	..	..	..
TJK	38	20	15	*	-	*	9	12	41	15	50%	50%	8%
TKM	*	*	9	*	-	-	*	*	8	5	100%	100%	167%
TOG	268	52	100	28	-	45	10	84	283	56	38%	38%	6%
TUN	20	15	7	*	-	*	6	9	18	13	33%	33%	-10%
TUR	334	22	342	11	-	229	210	450	219	39	5%	5%	-34%
UGA	58	40	24	*	-	5	*	11	71	49	38%	38%	22%
UKR	124	18	432	*	6	83	40	132	430	7	3%	10%	247%
URU	-	-	*	*	-	-	-	*	-	*	100%	100%	..
USA	*	-	*	-	-	-	*	*	*	-	..	..	0%
UZB	7	*	43	*	-	*	-	5	45	28	60%	60%	543%
VAR	499	74	121	33	-	24	12	69	551	58	58%	58%	10%
VEN	13	7	13	*	-	*	6	10	16	11	50%	50%	23%
WSH	-	-	*	*	-	-	-	*	-	-	100%	100%	..
YEM	14	6	*	-	*	5	*	8	10	*	0%	17%	-29%
YUG	2,425	2,361	369	16	607	118	245	986	1,808	1,757	2%	84%	-25%
ZAM	*	-	*	-	-	*	-	*	*	*	0%	0%	100%
ZIM	17	5	22	-	-	*	*	6	36	17	0%	0%	112%
Total	78,299	40,911	55,573	12,136	13,240	13,113	13,934	52,360	81,674	30,398	32%	66%	4%

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**Table 3. Applications, refugee status determination and pending cases by origin and country of asylum**

Coverage: 73 asylum countries for which statistics were available at mid-November 2004

Only including nationalities in countries, with 50 or more applications during the first nine months of 2004.

Figures between 1 and 4 have been replaced by an asterisk.

Data are provisional and subject to change.

Origin	Country of asylum	Pending begin year		Applied since 1 Jan.	Decisions since 1 January					Pending end-quarter		Protection indicators		
		Total	UNHCR assisted		Recog-nized	Other	Rejected	Otherw. closed	Total	Total	UNHCR assisted	Recognition rates (excl. o/w. cl.)		% change pend. cases
												Ref. status	Total	
AFG	PAK	12,759	12,759	2,000	95	-	2,880	4,157	7,132	7,627	7,627	3%	3%	-40%
AFG	UZB	928	928	128	61	-	63	528	652	404	404	49%	49%	-56%
AFG	IND	81	81	74	66	-	40	15	121	34	34	62%	62%	-58%
AFG	BLR	162	-	50	10	-	6	12	28	184	-	63%	63%	14%
ALB	SVN	*	*	142	-	-	22	101	123	23	23	0%	0%	475%
ANG	BRA	81	81	51	5	-	26	*	33	99	99	16%	16%	22%
BDI	RWA	971	971	533	-	5	-	-	5	1,499	1,504	0%	100%	54%
BDI	COD	45	*	58	30	-	12	5	47	56	*	71%	71%	24%
BGD	CYP	2,086	-	2,000	-	-	121	93	214	3,872	-	0%	0%	86%
BGD	MLS	133	-	58	-	-	-	8	8	183	-	..	..	38%
BSN	SVN	10	10	73	*	*	22	24	49	34	34	8%	12%	240%
CAM	MLS	*	-	93	-	-	-	22	22	73	-	..	..	3550%
CAR	CMR	313	-	942	225	-	282	24	531	724	-	44%	44%	131%
CHD	CMR	625	-	244	23	-	163	-	186	683	-	12%	12%	9%
CHD	CAR	235	-	184	5	-	8	-	13	406	-	38%	38%	73%
CHI	CYP	5	-	158	-	-	*	-	*	162	-	0%	0%	3140%
COD	COB	2,801	-	285	47	-	238	*	288	2,798	-	16%	16%	0%
COD	CMR	3,177	-	266	190	-	166	*	360	3,083	-	53%	53%	-3%
COD	NAM	998	998	185	27	-	-	33	60	1,123	1,123	100%	100%	13%
COD	ZAM	5	-	152	31	-	37	61	129	28	-	46%	46%	460%
COD	BEN	183	-	122	15	-	14	9	38	267	-	52%	52%	46%
COD	RWA	1,960	1,960	107	-	12	-	-	12	2,055	2,067	0%	100%	5%
COD	TOG	*	-	85	11	-	-	-	11	75	-	100%	100%	7400%
COL	ECU	2,526	2,526	6,440	1,480	-	3,171	1,927	6,578	2,388	2,388	32%	32%	-5%
COL	VEN	2,270	1,910	1,594	117	-	126	241	484	3,380	-	48%	48%	49%
COL	CHL	38	15	163	58	-	57	*	117	84	15	50%	50%	121%
CUB	HON	-	-	56	-	-	15	34	49	7	-	0%	0%	..
ERT	ETH	-	-	1,706	1,706	-	-	-	1,706	-	-	100%	100%	..
ERT	ARE	221	-	86	60	-	47	23	130	177	-	56%	56%	-20%
ERT	LBY	*	-	64	14	-	*	5	20	48	-	93%	93%	1100%
ERT	YEM	5	5	62	8	-	8	46	62	5	5	50%	50%	0%
ERT	SAU	22	-	58	-	*	14	*	17	63	-	0%	7%	186%
ETH	YEM	444	444	401	146	-	148	536	830	15	15	50%	50%	-97%
ETH	ARE	507	-	218	114	-	171	76	361	364	-	40%	40%	-28%
ETH	SOM	180	-	188	*	-	25	-	29	339	-	14%	14%	88%
GAZ	CYP	331	-	188	*	9	115	170	297	222	-	2%	9%	-33%
GAZ	LBY	8	-	85	86	-	-	7	93	-	-	100%	100%	-100%
GEO	CYP	163	-	308	-	-	49	77	126	345	-	0%	0%	112%
HON	MEX	9	-	56	*	-	22	14	40	25	-	15%	15%	178%
ICO	MLI	-	-	805	805	-	-	-	805	-	-	100%	100%	..
ICO	GUI	712	-	412	86	-	15	-	101	1,023	-	85%	85%	44%
ICO	MAU	16	16	74	10	-	*	-	11	79	-	91%	91%	394%
ICO	SEN	142	142	73	35	-	8	-	43	172	172	81%	81%	21%
ICO	CMR	27	-	62	7	-	11	-	18	71	-	39%	39%	163%
ICO	ARE	147	-	54	-	-	-	-	-	201	-	..	..	37%

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Table 3 (continued)

Origin	Country of asylum	Pending begin year		Applied since 1 Jan.	Decisions since 1 January					Pending end-quarter		Protection indicators		
		Total	UNHCR assisted		Recognized	Other	Rejected	Otherw. closed	Total	Total	UNHCR assisted	Recognition rates (excl. o/w. cl.)		% change pend. cases
												Ref. status	Total	
IND	CYP	24	-	353	-	-	5	*	7	370	-	0%	0%	1442%
INS	MLS	1,799	26	6,671	409	7,515	-	163	8,087	383	-	5%	100%	-79%
IRN	CYP	757	-	568	17	*	426	216	663	662	*	4%	5%	-13%
IRQ	YEM	276	276	321	-	-	-	*	*	593	593	..	..	115%
IRQ	ARM	25	-	94	-	77	-	13	90	29	-	0%	100%	16%
IRQ	CYP	119	-	72	-	-	*	70	72	119	*	0%	0%	0%
LBR	GUI	610	-	861	128	-	26	-	154	1,317	-	83%	83%	116%
LBR	LBY	6	-	131	123	-	-	7	130	7	-	100%	100%	17%
LBR	SEN	275	275	101	24	-	*	-	25	351	351	96%	96%	28%
LKA	CYP	10	-	334	-	-	*	-	*	341	-	0%	0%	3310%
LKA	MLS	146	-	210	6	-	-	14	20	336	-	100%	100%	130%
MYA	MLS	6,990	32	6,869	559	3,736	44	1,091	5,430	8,429	-	13%	99%	21%
MYA	IND	246	246	418	263	-	272	44	579	85	85	49%	49%	-65%
NIG	PAK	341	341	289	-	-	207	66	273	357	357	0%	0%	5%
NIG	BEN	19	-	131	5	-	55	29	89	61	-	8%	8%	221%
PAK	CYP	482	-	1,051	*	-	210	174	385	1,148	-	0%	0%	138%
PAK	NEP	*	-	208	-	-	-	*	-	208	-	..	..	20700%
PAK	LKA	*	*	97	9	-	33	*	46	53	53	21%	21%	2550%
PAK	CHI	18	-	96	35	-	10	32	77	37	20	78%	78%	106%
PER	ECU	7	7	81	7	-	37	-	44	44	44	16%	16%	529%
PER	ARG	541	285	61	34	5	139	23	201	406	114	19%	22%	-25%
RUS	CYP	262	-	326	-	*	179	78	260	328	*	0%	2%	25%
SLE	GUI	1,166	-	807	120	-	17	-	137	1,836	-	88%	88%	57%
SLE	PAK	39	39	52	-	-	17	7	24	67	67	0%	0%	72%
SOM	ARE	1,807	-	280	767	-	19	428	1,214	873	-	98%	98%	-52%
SOM	LBY	9	-	163	17	-	40	58	115	57	-	30%	30%	533%
SOM	ZAM	5	-	85	15	-	31	10	56	34	-	33%	33%	580%
SRV	CAM	34	9	503	264	-	90	18	372	165	146	75%	75%	385%
SUD	ARE	2,373	-	5,640	2,414	-	623	890	3,927	4,086	-	79%	79%	72%
SUD	ETH	-	-	903	-	903	-	-	903	-	-	0%	100%	..
SUD	YEM	60	60	100	-	-	24	130	154	6	6	0%	0%	-90%
SUD	CAR	915	672	64	30	*	*	-	33	946	-	91%	97%	3%
SYR	CYP	44	-	310	11	-	20	30	61	293	-	35%	35%	566%
TAN	PAK	93	93	52	-	-	69	9	78	67	67	0%	0%	-28%
TOG	BEN	118	-	63	15	-	23	8	46	135	-	39%	39%	14%
TUR	SVN	10	10	174	-	-	19	149	168	16	16	0%	0%	60%
TUR	CYP	308	-	143	11	-	209	54	274	177	-	5%	5%	-43%
UKR	CYP	101	-	417	-	-	76	37	113	405	-	0%	0%	301%
YUG	SVN	68	68	273	6	9	94	103	212	129	129	6%	14%	90%
YUG	MCD	2,285	2,285	83	9	598	6	142	755	1,613	1,619	1%	99%	-29%

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**Table 4. Applications, refugee status determination and pending cases by country of asylum and quarter**

Coverage: 51 asylum countries for which comparable statistics for each quarter were available at mid-November 2004

Figures between 1 and 4 have been replaced by an asterisk.

Data are provisional and subject to change.

Country of asylum	Decisions during quarter																					Pending end-quarter		
	Applied since 1 Jan.			Recognized			Other (hum.)			Rejected			Otherwise closed			Total								
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3			
ALG	*	5	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	5	-	*	*	-	5	10	5	*	15			
ARE	1,860	3,970	6,390	1,520	3,040	3,390	-	-	-	310	740	910	1,460	1,460	1,460	3,290	5,230	5,760	3,970	4,150	6,040			
ARG	55	130	210	65	95	150	-	10	10	110	160	200	5	35	40	190	300	400	1,080	1,050	1,030			
ARM	25	75	110	-	-	-	20	45	75	10	15	15	15	25	15	35	75	110	15	25	40			
BEN	150	320	510	15	50	60	-	-	-	20	130	170	20	65	70	50	240	300	830	800	940			
BGD	*	5	15	-	*	*	-	-	-	-	*	5	-	-	*	-	10	10	15	15	15			
BKF	20	35	75	-	15	15	-	-	-	-	35	50	-	*	*	-	50	65	650	480	510			
BLR	50	95	130	10	15	15	-	-	-	15	15	20	*	15	25	25	45	60	350	380	400			
BOL	15	15	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	5	-	5	5	15	10	15			
BRA	100	200	300	20	45	55	-	-	-	45	120	150	130	140	210	190	300	410	490	480	470			
BZE	25	30	30	-	*	*	-	-	-	-	5	5	-	5	5	-	15	15	30	25	25			
CAM	50	110	510	5	90	270	-	-	-	*	10	90	20	20	20	30	120	390	70	35	170			
CAR	60	90	370	25	180	250	30	30	30	10	25	40	-	-	-	65	240	320	3,390	3,250	3,440			
CHI	100	130	150	10	35	40	*	*	*	15	25	35	5	40	60	30	100	140	110	75	55			
CHL	20	130	170	-	50	60	-	-	-	-	55	60	-	*	*	-	110	130	70	75	100			
COB	10	240	330	10	30	55	-	-	-	25	200	260	*	*	5	40	240	320	3,200	3,230	3,230			
COL	10	20	35	*	10	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	*	5	15	20	20	30	30			
CUB	*	5	10	*	5	5	-	-	-	-	*	*	*	*	*	5	10	10	*	*	5			
ECU	3,060	5,060	6,580	520	1,020	1,510	-	-	-	1,120	2,350	3,220	1,850	1,910	1,930	3,480	5,280	6,650	2,140	2,350	2,490			
ETH	880	2,150	2,630	690	1,240	1,710	180	910	910	*	*	5	*	*	*	5	2,150	2,620	10	5	15			
GAB	85	110	110	*	10	10	-	-	-	150	300	310	-	-	-	160	310	330	5,050	4,920	4,910			
GEO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	*	-	-	-	*	*	*	-	-	-			
GUA	-	10	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	5	*	10	10			
GUI	360	2,080	2,100	140	270	350	-	-	-	-	25	60	-	-	-	140	290	420	2,760	4,330	4,230			
HON	20	70	80	-	*	*	-	-	-	-	15	15	-	35	55	-	50	70	20	20	5			
INS	30	45	70	*	15	45	-	-	*	..	140	75	..	25	25	..	170	95	250	180	110			
KOR	20	60	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	5	5	10	5	10	10	150	190	230			
KUW	10	10	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	-	-	-	-	*	200	200	200	200			
LBY	180	430	580	110	140	260	-	-	-	-	35	70	-	35	120	110	220	450	130	270	190			
LKA	30	85	110	10	10	15	-	-	-	*	15	35	*	5	10	15	30	55	20	55	60			
LVA	*	*	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	5	-	-	-	-	*	5	*	-	-			
MAU	35	80	150	35	35	45	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	35	35	45	55	100	160			
MCD	25	40	85	-	5	10	200	450	600	-	-	5	45	60	140	240	520	760	2,060	1,810	1,610			
MEX	85	180	290	5	20	60	-	-	5	40	65	130	20	40	70	70	130	260	100	140	110			
NEP	10	160	240	-	-	*	45	85	85	*	*	*	10	50	55	55	140	130	190	260	330			
NGR	*	15	30	-	*	*	-	-	-	-	*	*	*	-	10	20	-	15	30	15	15			
PAR	10	10	10	*	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	*	10	15	15			
PHI	*	*	10	-	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	*	*	40	40	45			
PNG	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	*	310	310	310			
SAL	*	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*			
SAU	55	120	210	-	5	5	5	15	20	15	40	50	10	10	40	30	70	110	190	210	270			
SOM	110	120	190	-	-	5	-	-	-	15	25	30	-	-	-	15	25	35	290	290	350			
SVN	360	620	930	5	15	15	10	15	15	90	180	260	260	460	550	370	670	850	160	200	260			
TOG	85	140	160	50	30	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	50	30	30	360	120	140			
UAE	15	40	50	15	20	20	-	-	-	5	15	15	-	20	30	25	55	65	55	50	50			
URU	*	*	5	*	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	5	5	5	5	10			
UZB	40	85	170	10	50	65	-	-	-	55	110	65	140	340	550	140	390	680	1,090	880	460			
VEN	640	1,050	1,600	45	75	120	-	-	-	45	60	130	240	240	240	330	380	490	2,600	2,970	3,400			
YEM	180	540	920	55	120	170	10	15	15	70	130	180	380	700	780	520	960	1,140	730	650	840			
YUG	15	25	45	*	5	5	-	-	-	15	15	15	15	15	20	30	35	40	15	20	35			
ZAM	70	230	310	25	45	60	-	-	-	30	70	80	-	65	110	55	180	250	35	70	85			
Total	8,970	19,200	27,200	3,430	6,800	8,910	510	1,570	1,770	2,060	5,130	6,780	4,640	5,860	6,700	9,680	19,200	24,100	33,400	34,700	37,400			

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<b>Annex I. List of country codes</b>					
Code	Country name	Code	Country name	Code	Country name
AFG	Afghanistan	GNB	Guinea-Bissau	NRU	Nauru
ALB	Albania	GRE	Greece	NZL	New Zealand
ALG	Algeria	GRN	Grenada	OMN	Oman
AND	Andorra	GUA	Guatemala	PAK	Pakistan
ANG	Angola	GUI	Guinea	PAN	Panama
ANT	Antigua and Barbuda	GUY	Guyana	PAR	Paraguay
ARE	Egypt	HAI	Haiti	PER	Peru
ARG	Argentina	HKG	Hong Kong	PHI	Philippines
ARM	Armenia	HON	Honduras	PLW	Palau
AUL	Australia	HRV	Croatia	PNG	Papua New Guinea
AUS	Austria	HUN	Hungary	POL	Poland
AZE	Azerbaijan	ICE	Iceland	POR	Portugal
BAH	Bahrain	ICO	Côte d'Ivoire	PUE	Puerto Rico
BAR	Barbados	IND	India	QAT	Qatar
BDI	Burundi	INS	Indonesia	ROM	Romania
BEL	Belgium	IRE	Ireland	RSA	South Africa
BEN	Benin	IRN	Islamic Rep. of Iran	RUS	Russian Federation
BGD	Bangladesh	IRQ	Iraq	RWA	Rwanda
BHS	Bahamas	ISR	Israel	SAL	El Salvador
BHU	Bhutan	ITA	Italy	SAU	Saudi Arabia
BKF	Burkina Faso	JAM	Jamaica	SEN	Senegal
BLR	Belarus	JOR	Jordan	SEY	Seychelles
BOL	Bolivia	JPN	Japan	SIN	Singapore
BOT	Botswana	KAZ	Kazakistan	SLE	Sierra Leone
BRA	Brazil	KEN	Kenya	SMA	San Marino
BRU	Brunei Darussalam	KGZ	Kyrgyzstan	SOL	Solomon Islands
BSN	Bosnia and Herzegovina	KIR	Kiribati	SOM	Somalia
BUL	Bulgaria	KOR	Rep. of Korea	SPA	Spain
BZE	Belize	KRN	Dem. People's Rep. of Korea	SRV	Viet Nam
CAM	Cambodia	KUW	Kuwait	STK	Saint Kitts and Nevis
CAN	Canada	LAO	Lao People's Dem. Rep.	STP	Sao Tome and Principe
CAR	Central African Rep.	LBR	Liberia	SUD	Sudan
CHD	Chad	LBY	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	SUR	Suriname
CHI	China	LCA	Saint Lucia	SVK	Slovakia
CHL	Chile	LEB	Lebanon	SVN	Slovenia
CMR	Cameroon	LES	Lesotho	SWA	Swaziland
COB	Congo	LIE	Liechtenstein	SWE	Sweden
COD	Dem. Rep. of Congo	LKA	Sri Lanka	SWI	Switzerland
COI	Comoros	LTU	Lithuania	SYR	Syrian Arab Rep.
COL	Colombia	LUX	Luxembourg	TAN	United Rep. of Tanzania
COS	Costa Rica	LVA	Latvia	THA	Thailand
CUB	Cuba	MAC	Macau	TJK	Tajikistan
CVI	Cape Verde	MAD	Madagascar	TKM	Turkmenistan
CYP	Cyprus	MAU	Mauritania	TMP	East Timor
CZE	Czech Rep.	MCD	FYR of Macedonia	TOG	Togo
DEN	Denmark	MCO	Monaco	TON	Tonga
DJB	Djibouti	MDA	Rep. of Moldova	TRT	Trinidad and Tobago
DMA	Dominica	MDV	Maldives (the)	TUN	Tunisia
DOM	Dominican Rep.	MEX	Mexico	TUR	Turkey
ECU	Ecuador	MLI	Mali	TUV	Tuvalu
EGU	Equatorial Guinea	MLS	Malaysia	UAE	United Arab Emirates
ERT	Eritrea	MLW	Malawi	UGA	Uganda
EST	Estonia	MNG	Mongolia	UKR	Ukraine
ETH	Ethiopia	MOR	Morocco	URU	Uruguay
FIJ	Fiji	MOZ	Mozambique	USA	United States
FIN	Finland	MTA	Malta	UZB	Uzbekistan
FPO	French Polynesia	MTS	Mauritius	VAN	Vanuatu
FRA	France	MYA	Myanmar	VCT	Saint Vincent & G.
GAB	Gabon	NAM	Namibia	VEN	Venezuela
GAM	Gambia	NEP	Nepal	WES	Samoa
GAZ	Gaza Strip	NET	Netherlands	WSA	Western Sahara
GBR	United Kingdom	NGR	Niger	YEM	Yemen
GEO	Georgia	NIC	Nicaragua	YUG	Serbia and Montenegro
GFR	Germany	NIG	Nigeria	ZAM	Zambia
GHA	Ghana	NOR	Norway	ZIM	Zimbabwe
		VAR	Various	STA	Stateless