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**TRENDS IN REFUGEE STATUS DETERMINATION
1 JANUARY – 31 MARCH 2003**

**ASYLUM APPLICATIONS, REFUGEE STATUS DETERMINATION
AND PENDING CASES IN 76 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 76 asylum countries for which statistics were available for the period 1 January to 31 March 2003. The statistics provided here should be considered as provisional, subject to change. The country codes used in the tables are explained in Annex I.

2. Trends in the refugee population, new arrivals, voluntary repatriation and resettlement in these asylum countries were analyzed separately in the document *Global Refugee Trends, 1 January – 31 March 2003*, issued on 3 July 2003. Asylum applications lodged in industrialized countries are compiled on a monthly basis. All statistics are available from the Statistics section of the UNHCR website (www.unhcr.org).

MAIN CONCLUSIONS

3. From 1 January to 31 March 2003, some 27,700 applications for asylum or refugee status were recorded in the 76 asylum countries included in this report. Out of the 13,300 refugee status determination decisions taken, 4,700 were granted refugee status, whereas 6,700 applications were rejected. The refugee recognition rate in these countries for all nationalities combined during the first three months of 2003 stood at 39%. Some 5,600 claims were closed for other, non-substantive reasons. In five countries (Costa Rica, Jordan, Kyrgyzstan, Slovenia and Yemen), asylum-seekers were allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons. In total, this concerned 480 cases (see *Table 1*).

4. During the first three months of 2003, the number of applications for asylum or refugee status among the 76 countries exceeded 500 in 13 countries (Burundi, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Egypt, Jordan, Kenya, Malaysia, Malawi, South Africa, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine and Uganda) (see *Table 1*).

5. In 8 of the 76 countries, the number of refugee status determination decisions taken during the first three months of 2003 was 500 or higher (Costa Rica, Ecuador, Egypt, Kenya, Malaysia, South Africa, Turkey and Yemen) (see *Table 1*).

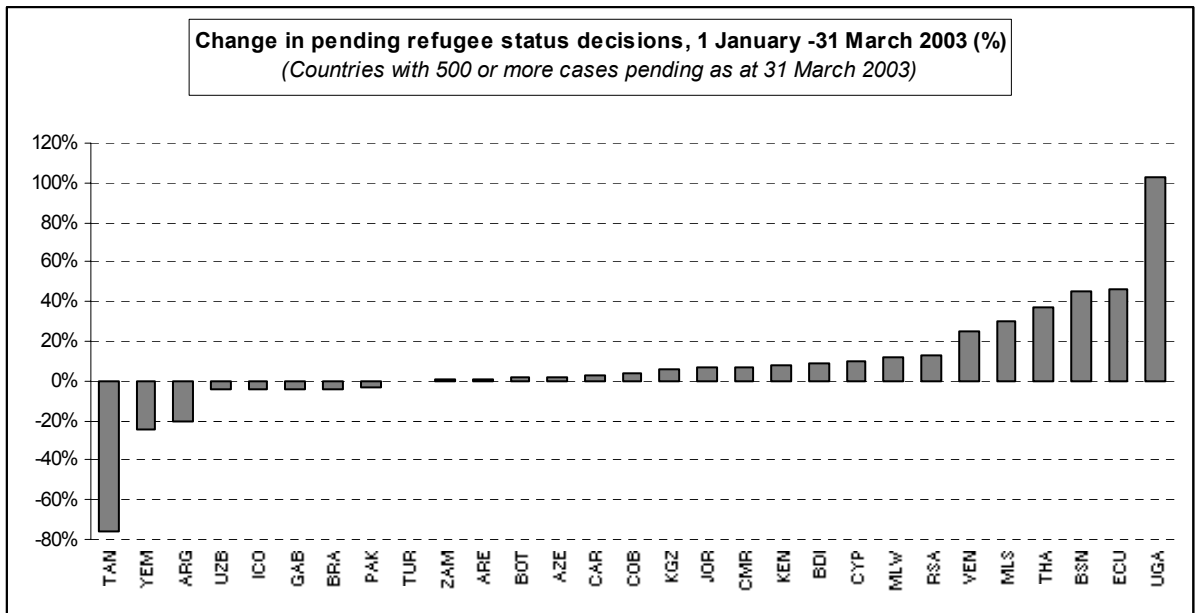
6. By the end of March 2003, there were 23 countries where the number of undecided applications for refugee status was more than 1,000. The highest number of pending cases was found in South Africa (59,300), Malawi (12,400), Egypt (12,200), Burundi (9,600), Azerbaijan (8,300), Ecuador (8,100), Cameroon (5,700), Central African Rep. (5,500), Gabon (5,400) and Jordan (4,100) (see *Table 1*).

7. The change in the number of pending cases is an important indicator for the workload for offices performing refugee status determination. An increase in the number of pending cases indicates that, during a given period, the number of new applications exceeded the number of decisions taken, whereas a decrease in the number of pending cases shows the opposite. At the end of March 2003, there were 29 countries with 500 or more decisions pending. Among these 29 countries, the number of undecided cases increased with 10% or more in Cyprus (10%), Malawi (12%), South Africa (13%), Venezuela (25%), Malaysia (30%), Thailand (37%), Bosnia and Herzegovina (45%), Ecuador (46%) and Uganda (103%) (see *chart*).

8. In the 76 asylum countries which reported statistics, Colombian asylum-seekers submitted the largest number asylum claims (4,700), followed by nationals from the Democratic Republic of Congo (3,400), Sudan (1,700), Myanmar (1,500), Iraq (1,300),

Burundi (1,100) and Ethiopia (1,100), Nigeria (1,100), Pakistan (900) and the Islamic Rep. of Iran (840) (see Table 2).

9. Table 3 indicates the main origin of asylum-seekers by country of asylum.



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

Covering 76 asylum countries for which statistics were available.

FI=First instance, AR=Administrative Review

Data are provisional, subject to change.

(code) Country of asylum	Pending begin year		Applied since 1 Jan.	Decisions since 1 January					Pending end- quarter		Calculations				% change pend. cases
	Total	UNHCR assisted		Recog- nized	Other	Rejected	Otherw. closed	Total	Total	UNHCR assisted	Refugee recognition rates (%)		Incl. o/w. cl.	Excl. o/w. cl.	
											Ref. status	Total			
ALB	114	114	7	-	-	-	8	8	113	113	0%	0%	..	..	-1%
ALG	4	-	7	-	-	10	-	10	1	-	0%	0%	0%	0%	-75%
ARE	12,094	-	1,716	646	-	946	-	1,592	12,218	-	41%	41%	41%	41%	1%
ARG	1,542	511	41	24	-	75	260	359	1,224	565	7%	7%	24%	24%	-21%
AZE	8,116	7,943	237	13	-	-	39	52	8,301	8,145	25%	25%	100%	100%	2%
BDI	8,777	6,484	890	99	-	-	-	99	9,568	7,275	100%	100%	100%	100%	9%
BLR	340	-	29	8	-	7	5	20	349	-	40%	40%	53%	53%	3%
BOL	20	5	6	4	-	11	-	15	11	6	27%	27%	27%	27%	-45%
BOT	978	978	13	-	-	-	-	-	991	949	..	..	..	..	1%
BRA	561	561	102	-	-	87	39	126	537	406	0%	0%	0%	0%	-4%
BSN	457	457	402	6	-	72	117	195	664	-	3%	3%	8%	8%	45%
BZE	14	14	5	-	-	-	8	6	11	11	0%	0%	..	..	-21%
CAM	81	6	18	10	-	19	16	45	54	19	22%	22%	34%	34%	-33%
CAR	5,348	2,158	169	2	-	-	-	-	5,517	1,536	..	..	100%	100%	3%
CHI	7	-	7	2	-	3	-	5	9	-	40%	40%	40%	40%	29%
CHL	18	65	30	19	-	3	7	29	19	18	66%	66%	86%	86%	6%
CMR	5,308	-	373	-	-	-	-	-	5,681	-	..	..	..	..	7%
COB	2,761	-	102	1	-	-	-	1	2,861	-	100%	100%	100%	100%	4%
COD	398	10	45	7	-	19	20	46	397	13	15%	15%	27%	27%	0%
COL	5	11	2	2	-	2	-	4	3	-	50%	50%	50%	50%	-40%
COS	86	-	549	229	269	116	5	619	59	-	37%	80%	37%	81%	-31%
CUB	3	-	6	-	-	3	1	4	5	-	0%	0%	0%	0%	67%
CYP	2,043	1,235	428	17	-	132	70	219	2,245	1,095	8%	8%	11%	11%	10%
DJB	462	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	462	-	..	..	..	..	0%
ECU	5,526	-	3,888	486	-	521	316	1,323	8,091	-	37%	37%	48%	48%	46%
ETH	19	19	9	3	-	10	-	13	15	15	23%	23%	23%	23%	-21%
GAB	5,663	5,663	247	19	-	228	-	247	5,418	5,418	8%	8%	8%	8%	-4%
GUA	10	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	8	-	0%	0%	..	..	-20%
GUI	367	-	370	251	-	15	-	266	471	-	94%	94%	94%	94%	28%
HON	4	-	60	-	-	41	17	58	6	-	0%	0%	0%	0%	50%
HRV	52	52	2	1	-	2	22	25	29	29	4%	4%	33%	33%	-44%
ICO	1,142	1,142	85	78	-	61	-	139	1,088	1,088	56%	56%	56%	56%	-5%
IND	501	501	107	49	-	266	152	466	140	140	11%	11%	16%	16%	-72%
INS	237	237	34	16	-	39	10	65	206	206	25%	25%	29%	29%	-13%
IRN	14	-	1	1	-	-	9	-	6	-	..	..	100%	100%	-57%
JOR	3,788	-	587	136	2	141	48	327	4,053	4,048	42%	42%	49%	49%	7%
KEN	2,415	-	1,044	342	-	505	-	847	2,612	-	40%	40%	40%	40%	8%
KGZ	654	7	74	-	65	-	-	65	695	7	0%	100%	0%	100%	6%
KUW	185	185	2	-	-	-	-	-	187	187	..	..	..	..	1%
LBY	30	-	53	25	-	4	2	31	54	-	81%	81%	86%	86%	80%
LEB	162	-	263	1	-	44	57	102	323	-	1%	1%	2%	2%	99%
LKA	16	14	4	11	-	-	2	13	7	7	85%	85%	100%	100%	-56%
LVA	11	11	3	-	-	2	1	3	11	11	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
MAU	12	12	33	9	-	2	-	11	34	-	82%	82%	82%	82%	183%
MCD	62	62	5	-	-	44	1	45	22	22	0%	0%	0%	0%	-65%
MEX	23	-	139	6	-	33	12	51	111	-	12%	12%	15%	15%	383%
MLS	1,571	-	1,450	151	-	137	686	973	2,046	-	16%	16%	52%	52%	30%
MLW	11,068	11,068	1,754	459	-	-	-	459	12,363	12,362	100%	100%	100%	100%	12%

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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		Calculations				
	Total	UNHCR assisted		Recog- nized	Other	Rejected	Otherw. closed	Total	Total	UNHCR assisted	Refugee recognition rates (%)		% change pend. cases		
											Incl. o/w. cl.	Excl. o/w. cl.			
Ref.	Total	Ref.	Total												
MOR	115	5	30	-	-	-	-	-	145	10	..	..	..	..	26%
NEP	11	3	9	-	-	-	6	6	14	3	0%	0%	..	..	27%
NIC	16	43	3	-	-	-	-	-	19	3	..	..	..	..	19%
NIG	30	30	210	-	-	-	-	-	240	240	..	..	..	..	700%
PAK	1,608	-	188	6	-	217	23	223	1,550	-	3%	3%	3%	3%	-4%
PAN	88	112	19	-	-	-	-	-	107	7	..	..	..	..	22%
PAR	4	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	6	6	..	..	..	..	50%
PER	140	71	31	-	-	-	10	10	161	46	0%	0%	..	..	15%
PHI	47	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	52	-	..	..	..	..	11%
RSA	52,451	12,259	7,501	325	-	45	289	659	59,293	2,489	49%	49%	88%	88%	13%
RUS	609	-	174	15	-	-	162	177	177	606	8%	8%	100%	100%	-71%
SAU	124	-	23	11	-	12	9	32	115	-	34%	34%	48%	48%	-7%
SIN	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
SVN	195	195	287	-	2	10	286	298	184	184	0%	1%	0%	17%	-6%
TAN	2,773	2,773	-	-	-	2,096	2,096	-	677	677	..	..	0%	0%	-76%
THA	1,050	-	804	54	-	105	256	415	1,439	-	13%	13%	34%	34%	37%
TKM	3	3	1	2	-	2	-	4	-	-	50%	50%	50%	50%	-100%
TUN	11	9	7	5	-	-	2	5	11	4	100%	100%	100%	100%	0%
TUR	2,591	2,591	837	737	-	62	34	833	2,595	2,595	88%	88%	92%	92%	0%
UAE	277	-	26	-	-	-	1	1	302	-	0%	0%	..	..	9%
UGA	544	-	741	182	-	-	-	182	1,103	-	100%	100%	100%	100%	103%
UKR-FI	400	162	317	22	-	266	-	288	429	192	8%	8%	8%	8%	7%
UKR-AR	-	-	247	-	-	48	-	48	199	41	0%	0%	0%	0%	..
URU	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	0%	0%	0%	0%	..
UZB	1,078	1,078	150	90	-	101	10	201	1,027	1,027	45%	45%	47%	47%	-5%
VEN	1,019	867	255	-	-	-	-	-	1,274	1,071	..	..	..	..	25%
YEM	2,095	2,095	310	41	137	118	519	815	1,590	1,590	5%	22%	14%	60%	-24%
YUG	37	37	12	1	-	20	1	22	27	27	5%	5%	5%	5%	-27%
ZAM	945	-	81	55	-	17	-	72	954	-	76%	76%	76%	76%	1%
TOT	151,330	61,862	27,670	4,679	475	6,720	5,636	13,277	162,987	54,510	35%	39%	39%	43%	8%

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

Covering 76 asylum countries for which statistics were available.

Figures between 1 and 4 are indicated with an asterisk.

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(code) Origin	Pending begin year		Applied since 1 Jan.	Decisions since 1 January					Pending end- quarter		Calculations				% pend. cases
	Total	UNHCR assisted		Recog- nized	Other	Rejected	Otherw. closed	Total	Total	UNHCR assisted	Refugee recognition rates (%)		% change		
											Incl. o/w. cl.	Excl. o/w. cl.		Ref. status		Total	Ref. status	Total
AFG	3,219	2,325	510	183	33	272	182	670	2,734	2,728	27%	32%	38%	44%	-15%
ALB	21	6	11	-	-	5	9	14	18	6	0%	0%	0%	0%	-14%
ALG	115	27	45	*	-	*	28	32	126	22	6%	6%	33%	33%	10%
ANG	6,405	1,884	370	29	-	85	6	120	6,671	758	24%	24%	25%	25%	4%
ARE	330	9	92	-	-	*	30	31	389	66	0%	0%	0%	0%	18%
ARG	12	10	*	-	-	*	5	7	8	5	0%	0%	0%	0%	-33%
ARM	120	27	41	7	-	35	7	49	124	43	14%	14%	17%	17%	3%
AZE	42	10	9	*	-	*	*	8	51	10	13%	13%	25%	25%	21%
BDI	4,078	3,568	1,100	89	-	41	*	132	5,047	3,377	67%	67%	68%	68%	24%
BEN	52	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	56	*	..	..	..	..	8%
BGD	1,533	23	190	-	-	*	64	68	1,656	12	0%	0%	0%	0%	8%
BKF	-	-	*	-	-	*	-	*	*	-	0%	0%	0%	0%	..
BOL	5	-	*	-	-	-	*	*	5	*	0%	0%	..	..	0%
BSN	67	49	11	-	*	*	*	7	71	52	0%	29%	0%	40%	6%
BUL	174	15	5	-	-	-	-	-	179	7	..	..	..	..	3%
CAM	30	15	18	6	-	*	*	12	36	15	50%	50%	60%	60%	20%
CAR	482	201	119	12	-	16	-	28	564	193	43%	43%	43%	43%	17%
CHD	2,014	1,099	116	*	-	59	*	60	2,016	1,045	3%	3%	3%	3%	0%
CHI	1,400	46	521	8	-	17	13	38	1,883	48	21%	21%	32%	32%	35%
CHL	7	*	*	-	-	-	*	*	7	14	0%	0%	..	..	0%
CMR	509	51	87	*	-	13	-	16	581	27	19%	19%	19%	19%	14%
COB	6,596	5,198	760	96	-	81	19	196	7,106	5,204	49%	49%	54%	54%	8%
COD	30,577	15,723	3,420	502	-	238	5	745	33,160	12,341	67%	67%	68%	68%	8%
COI	26	47	*	-	-	-	-	-	28	*	..	..	..	..	8%
COL	6,674	1,081	4,713	694	256	642	336	1,928	9,576	1,149	36%	49%	44%	60%	43%
CUB	210	92	122	19	6	61	64	150	192	96	13%	17%	22%	29%	-9%
DJB	14	*	-	-	-	*	*	*	11	*	0%	0%	0%	0%	-21%
DOM	10	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	11	*	..	..	..	..	10%
ECU	29	18	6	-	-	*	*	5	30	18	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%
EGU	58	56	*	-	-	-	-	-	59	57	..	..	..	..	2%
ERT	600	64	87	50	-	57	13	120	567	19	42%	42%	47%	47%	-6%
EST	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	..	..	..	..	0%
ETH	5,286	2,096	1,068	104	-	356	532	992	5,371	1,484	10%	10%	23%	23%	2%
FRA	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	..	..	..	..	0%
GAZ	595	354	123	38	137	*	12	190	534	211	20%	92%	21%	98%	-10%
GEO	60	27	55	6	-	8	16	30	94	41	20%	20%	43%	43%	57%
GHA	435	33	113	-	-	*	5	8	538	15	0%	0%	0%	0%	24%
GNB	*	*	*	-	-	*	-	*	6	*	0%	0%	0%	0%	50%
GRE	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	..	..	..	..	0%
GUA	-	-	41	-	-	*	-	*	39	*	0%	0%	0%	0%	..
GUI	127	88	14	*	-	6	7	15	125	81	13%	13%	25%	25%	-2%
GUY	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	..	..	..	..	..
HAI	33	24	5	-	-	-	11	11	27	9	0%	0%	..	..	-18%
HON	*	*	18	*	-	-	-	*	15	-	100%	100%	100%	100%	1400%
HRV	8	*	*	-	-	-	*	*	9	5	0%	0%	13%
ICO	326	35	213	36	-	11	*	49	487	29	73%	73%	77%	77%	49%

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Table 2 (continued)

(code) Origin	Pending begin year		Applied since 1 Jan.	Decisions since 1 January					Pending end-quarter		Calculations				% change pend. cases
	Total	UNHCR assisted		Recog-nized	Other	Rejected	Otherw. closed	Total	Total	UNHCR assisted	Refugee recognition rates (%)		%		
											Incl. o/w. cl.	Excl. o/w. cl.		Ref. status		Total	Ref. status	Total
IND	2,344	21	315	*	-	*	16	22	2,637	6	18%	18%	67%	67%	13%
INS	1,172	*	454	70	-	132	520	722	904	*	10%	10%	35%	35%	-23%
IRN	3,383	2,427	836	617	-	151	125	874	3,347	2,306	71%	71%	80%	80%	-1%
IRQ	5,243	972	1,314	257	*	341	186	783	5,850	4,769	33%	33%	43%	43%	12%
ISR	9	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	7	-	50%	50%	50%	50%	-22%
JOR	25	8	6	*	-	*	*	5	26	5	20%	20%	33%	33%	4%
KAZ	13	-	*	*	-	-	5	6	12	*	17%	17%	100%	100%	-8%
KEN	9,217	281	104	-	-	11	-	11	9,310	56	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
KGZ	19	8	10	-	-	-	-	-	29	18	..	..	..	..	53%
KOR	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	..	..	..	..	..
KRN	15	-	41	-	-	-	14	14	42	-	0%	0%	..	..	180%
LBR	492	103	276	92	-	26	*	122	642	189	75%	75%	78%	78%	30%
LBY	22	7	*	-	-	*	-	*	22	8	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
LEB	78	58	33	-	-	6	*	9	101	68	0%	0%	0%	0%	29%
LKA	139	48	104	*	-	34	27	62	189	64	2%	2%	3%	3%	36%
LVA	-	-	*	-	-	*	-	*	-	-	0%	0%	0%	0%	..
MAC	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	..	..	..	..	0%
MAD	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	..	..	..	..	0%
MAU	92	67	6	-	-	*	-	*	93	66	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
MCD	180	180	18	-	-	12	39	51	147	12	0%	0%	0%	0%	-18%
MDA	37	22	11	*	-	*	11	15	33	10	13%	13%	50%	50%	-11%
MEX	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	..	..	..	..	0%
MLI	22	*	*	-	-	-	*	*	23	*	0%	0%	..	..	5%
MLW	140	*	322	-	-	-	-	-	462	*	..	..	..	..	230%
MNG	*	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	5	*	..	..	..	..	67%
MOR	*	*	6	-	-	-	*	*	9	8	0%	0%	..	..	125%
MOZ	37	*	46	-	-	-	-	-	83	*	..	..	..	..	124%
MTS	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	..	..	..	..	-67%
MYA	1,193	275	1,522	127	-	210	273	610	2,105	59	21%	21%	38%	38%	76%
NAM	166	166	-	-	-	-	-	-	166	166	..	..	..	..	0%
NGR	6	*	*	*	-	-	-	*	6	*	100%	100%	100%	100%	0%
NIC	14	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	-	..	..	..	..	0%
NIG	3,921	105	1,051	*	-	27	9	37	4,934	75	3%	3%	4%	4%	26%
PAK	3,516	170	909	*	-	10	21	32	4,393	143	3%	3%	9%	9%	25%
PAN	-	-	*	-	-	*	-	*	-	-	0%	0%	0%	0%	..
PAR	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	..	..	..	..	0%
PER	731	208	27	8	-	59	105	172	569	258	5%	5%	12%	12%	-22%
PHI	*	*	-	-	-	-	*	*	*	*	0%	0%	..	..	-50%
POL	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	..	..	..	..	..
POR	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	..	..	..	..	0%
QAT	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	-	..	..	..	..	0%
ROM	51	24	*	-	-	6	28	34	18	5	0%	0%	0%	0%	-65%
RSA	10	10	*	-	-	-	*	*	7	6	0%	0%	..	..	-30%
RUS	7,819	7,231	309	7	-	18	16	40	8,111	7,352	18%	18%	28%	28%	4%
RWA	11,400	11,057	703	515	-	2,136	2,096	555	9,451	7,819	93%	93%	19%	19%	-17%
SAL	-	-	*	-	-	*	-	*	-	-	0%	0%	0%	0%	..

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Table 2 (continued)

(code) Origin	Pending begin year		Applied since 1 Jan.	Decisions since 1 January					Pending end- quarter		Calculations				% change pend. cases
	Total	UNHCR assisted		Recogn- ized	Other	Rejected	Otherw. closed	Total	Total	UNHCR assisted	Refugee recognition rates (%)		%		
											Incl. o/w. cl.	Excl. o/w. cl.		Ref. status		Total	Ref. status	Total
SAU	9	*	-	-	-	-	*	*	7	*	0%	0%	..	..	-22%
SEN	535	63	19	-	-	*	9	13	541	51	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
SIN	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	..	..	..	..	..
SLE	593	142	294	141	-	32	13	184	699	116	77%	77%	82%	82%	18%
SOM	7,295	959	758	296	-	304	25	622	7,451	435	48%	48%	49%	49%	2%
SRV	138	70	23	37	-	18	17	72	89	50	51%	51%	67%	67%	-36%
STA	29	*	20	*	-	*	*	8	41	12	38%	38%	60%	60%	41%
SUD	9,271	1,033	1,739	531	-	718	31	1,280	9,731	244	41%	41%	43%	43%	5%
SUR	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	..	..	..	..	0%
SYR	172	21	53	11	-	23	*	36	216	73	31%	31%	32%	32%	26%
TAN	2,120	108	291	*	-	49	*	51	2,360	11	2%	2%	2%	2%	11%
TIB	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	..	..	..	..	0%
TJK	22	*	14	-	32	-	*	33	35	6	0%	97%	0%	100%	59%
TKM	7	*	-	-	-	*	6	7	-	-	0%	0%	0%	0%	-100%
TOG	64	56	17	-	-	11	*	13	70	54	0%	0%	0%	0%	9%
TON	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	..	..	..	..	..
TUN	25	11	*	*	-	*	*	*	25	8	33%	33%	50%	50%	0%
TUR	143	56	90	*	-	-	49	45	181	49	9%	9%	100%	100%	27%
UGA	1,158	259	317	*	-	75	-	79	1,397	100	5%	5%	5%	5%	21%
UKR	77	37	*	-	-	*	11	14	67	32	0%	0%	0%	0%	-13%
USA	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	..	..	..	..	..
UZB	28	16	17	8	-	-	12	20	31	24	40%	40%	100%	100%	11%
VAR	4,776	212	501	35	8	62	440	545	4,289	140	6%	8%	33%	41%	-10%
VEN	-	-	5	-	-	*	*	*	*	*	0%	0%	0%	0%	..
WSH	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	..	..	..	..	0%
YEM	12	*	10	-	-	*	*	*	17	*	0%	0%	0%	0%	42%
YUG	740	636	470	5	-	173	115	293	917	319	2%	2%	3%	3%	24%
ZAM	102	168	13	-	-	-	-	-	115	11	..	..	..	..	13%
ZIM	171	200	538	*	-	6	-	9	700	76	33%	33%	33%	33%	309%
TOT	151,330	61,862	27,670	4,679	475	6,720	5,636	13,277	162,987	54,510	35%	39%	39%	43%	8%

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

Covering 76 asylum countries for which statistics were available.

Figures between 1 and 4 are indicated with an asterisk.

Data are provisional, subject to change.

Selection: if number of applications submitted during period was 25 or more.

(code) Origin	(code) Country of asylum	Pending begin year		Applied since 1 Jan.	Decisions since 1 January					Pending end- quarter		Calculations				% change pend. cases
		Total	UNHCR assisted		Recog- nized	Other	Rejected	Otherw. closed	Total	Total	UNHCR assisted	Refugee recognition rates (%)				
												Ref. status	Total	Ref. status	Total	
AFG	IND	130	130	39	18	-	38	52	108	61	61	17%	17%	32%	32%	-53%
AFG	KGZ	104	-	26	-	33	-	-	33	97	-	0%	100%	0%	100%	-7%
AFG	RUS	541	-	123	*	-	-	97	98	98	566	1%	1%	100%	100%	-82%
AFG	UKR-AR	-	-	61	-	-	11	-	11	50	-	0%	0%	0%	0%	..
AFG	UKR-FI	-	-	64	22	-	81	-	103	104	37	21%	21%	21%	21%	..
AFG	UZB	1,060	1,060	127	90	-	99	5	194	993	993	46%	46%	48%	48%	-6%
ANG	RSA	5,548	1,302	295	19	-	10	-	29	5,814	188	66%	66%	66%	66%	5%
ANG	UKR-AR	-	-	31	-	-	15	-	15	16	16	0%	0%	0%	0%	..
ARE	SVN	-	-	32	-	-	-	24	24	8	8	0%	0%	..	..	..
ARM	UKR-FI	-	-	30	-	-	24	-	24	18	-	0%	0%	0%	0%	..
BDI	KEN	107	-	38	20	-	21	-	41	104	-	49%	49%	49%	49%	-3%
BDI	MLW	2,155	2,155	944	8	-	-	-	8	3,091	3,091	100%	100%	100%	100%	43%
BDI	UGA	20	-	60	6	-	-	-	6	74	-	100%	100%	100%	100%	270%
BGD	RSA	1,442	*	167	-	-	-	-	-	1,609	-	..	..	..	..	12%
CAR	CMR	213	-	87	-	-	-	-	-	300	-	..	..	..	..	41%
CHD	CMR	435	-	35	-	-	-	-	-	470	-	..	..	..	..	8%
CHD	GAB	1,093	1,093	56	-	-	56	-	56	1,037	1,037	0%	0%	0%	0%	-5%
CHI	RSA	1,264	-	487	-	-	-	-	-	1,751	-	..	..	..	..	39%
CMR	RSA	463	23	78	*	-	-	-	*	538	5	100%	100%	100%	100%	16%
COB	CMR	597	-	35	-	-	-	-	-	632	-	..	..	..	..	6%
COB	GAB	2,251	2,251	59	*	-	56	-	59	2,192	2,192	5%	5%	5%	5%	-3%
COB	MLW	2,044	2,044	391	52	-	-	-	52	2,383	2,383	100%	100%	100%	100%	17%
COB	RSA	938	303	220	17	-	-	-	17	1,141	43	100%	100%	100%	100%	22%
COD	BDI	8,741	6,473	890	99	-	-	-	99	9,532	7,264	100%	100%	100%	100%	9%
COD	CAR	3,259	1,471	130	-	-	-	-	-	3,389	1,536	..	..	..	..	4%
COD	CMR	3,128	-	94	-	-	-	-	-	3,222	-	..	..	..	..	3%
COD	COB	2,506	-	56	*	-	-	-	*	2,561	-	100%	100%	100%	100%	2%
COD	GAB	1,864	1,864	94	8	-	86	-	94	1,770	1,770	9%	9%	9%	9%	-5%
COD	KEN	522	-	182	104	-	106	-	210	494	-	50%	50%	50%	50%	-5%
COD	NIG	*	*	29	-	-	-	-	-	30	30	..	..	..	..	2900%
COD	RSA	9,642	5,499	1,378	131	-	-	*	132	10,888	1,345	99%	99%	100%	100%	13%
COD	UGA	182	-	454	108	-	-	-	108	528	-	100%	100%	100%	100%	190%
COD	ZAM	262	-	51	29	-	*	-	33	280	-	88%	88%	88%	88%	7%
COL	COS	-	-	498	205	256	103	*	568	47	-	36%	81%	36%	82%	..
COL	ECU	5,432	-	3,882	486	-	521	316	1,323	7,991	-	37%	37%	48%	48%	47%
COL	VEN	1,008	863	253	-	-	-	-	-	1,261	1,066	..	..	..	..	25%
CUB	COS	*	-	26	12	6	9	*	28	9	-	43%	64%	44%	67%	800%
CUB	HON	*	-	51	-	-	35	15	50	5	-	0%	0%	0%	0%	25%
ETH	ARE	612	-	58	5	-	55	-	60	610	-	8%	8%	8%	8%	0%
ETH	KEN	1,134	-	431	83	-	249	-	332	1,233	-	25%	25%	25%	25%	9%
ETH	RSA	1,374	393	281	-	-	*	6	7	1,648	105	0%	0%	0%	0%	20%
ETH	UGA	40	-	25	*	-	-	-	*	63	-	100%	100%	100%	100%	58%
ETH	YEM	1,657	1,657	235	14	-	37	510	561	1,331	1,331	2%	2%	27%	27%	-20%
GAZ	CYP	155	-	50	-	-	-	-	-	205	-	..	..	..	..	32%
GAZ	LBY	14	-	40	25	-	-	-	25	29	-	100%	100%	100%	100%	107%
GHA	RSA	403	10	108	-	-	-	-	-	511	-	..	..	..	..	27%
GUA	MEX	-	-	40	-	-	*	-	*	38	-	0%	0%	0%	0%	..
ICO	ARE	135	-	34	-	-	-	-	-	169	-	25%
ICO	COB	24	-	33	-	-	-	-	-	57	-	138%
ICO	GUI	-	-	34	30	-	-	-	30	*	-	100%	100%	100%	100%	..

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Table 3 (continued)

(code) Origin	(code) Country of asylum	Pending begin year		Applied since 1 Jan.	Decisions since 1 January					Pending end- quarter		Calculations				% change pend. cases
		Total	UNHCR assisted		Recog- nized	Other	Rejected	Otherw. closed	Total	Total	UNHCR assisted	Refugee recognition rates (%)				
												Incl. o/w. cl.	Excl. o/w. cl.	Ref. status	Total status	
IND	RSA	2,286	-	308	-	-	*	-	*	2,593	-	0%	0%	0%	0%	13%
INS	MLS	1,170	-	453	70	-	132	520	722	901	-	10%	10%	35%	35%	-23%
IRN	CYP	355	-	71	-	-	-	-	-	426	-	..	..	..	..	20%
IRN	SVN	11	11	45	-	-	-	49	49	7	7	0%	0%	..	..	-36%
IRN	TUR	1,808	1,808	624	600	-	34	-	634	1,798	1,798	95%	95%	95%	95%	-1%
IRQ	JOR	3,507	-	534	126	*	115	33	275	3,766	3,766	46%	46%	52%	52%	7%
IRQ	LEB	128	-	222	*	-	20	25	46	304	-	2%	2%	5%	5%	138%
IRQ	SVN	28	28	70	-	-	-	85	85	13	13	0%	0%	..	..	-54%
IRQ	THA	57	-	29	*	-	*	8	13	73	-	23%	23%	60%	60%	28%
IRQ	TUR	583	583	143	112	-	13	12	137	589	589	82%	82%	90%	90%	1%
IRQ	UKR-AR	-	-	52	-	-	10	-	10	42	-	0%	0%	0%	0%	..
IRQ	UKR-FI	-	-	107	-	-	58	-	58	127	40	0%	0%	0%	0%	..
IRQ	YEM	81	81	39	-	-	60	-	60	60	60	0%	0%	0%	0%	-26%
KEN	RSA	9,187	256	102	-	-	6	-	6	9,283	36	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
KRN	THA	15	-	41	-	-	-	14	14	42	-	0%	0%	..	..	180%
LBR	GUI	84	-	94	85	-	9	-	94	84	-	90%	90%	90%	90%	0%
LBR	NIG	13	13	110	-	-	-	-	-	123	123	..	..	..	..	846%
LKA	THA	31	-	48	-	-	*	19	20	59	-	0%	0%	0%	0%	90%
LKA	UKR-FI	-	-	27	-	-	26	-	26	9	9	0%	0%	0%	0%	..
MLW	RSA	137	*	322	-	-	-	-	-	459	-	..	..	..	..	235%
MOZ	RSA	35	*	46	-	-	-	-	-	81	-	..	..	..	..	131%
MYA	IND	272	272	33	18	-	164	68	250	55	55	7%	7%	10%	10%	-80%
MYA	MLS	298	-	955	71	-	-	107	178	1,075	-	40%	40%	100%	100%	261%
MYA	THA	614	-	533	38	-	46	98	182	965	-	21%	21%	45%	45%	57%
NIG	PAK	322	-	90	-	-	14	-	14	398	-	0%	0%	0%	0%	24%
NIG	RSA	3,464	28	936	-	-	*	-	*	4,398	*	0%	0%	0%	0%	27%
PAK	CYP	44	-	76	-	-	-	-	-	120	-	..	..	..	..	173%
PAK	RSA	3,268	10	821	-	-	8	-	8	4,081	-	0%	0%	0%	0%	25%
RUS	AZE	6,941	6,941	200	5	-	-	-	5	7,136	7,136	100%	100%	100%	100%	3%
RUS	CYP	29	-	37	-	-	-	-	-	66	-	..	..	..	..	128%
RWA	CMR	424	-	61	-	-	-	-	-	485	-	..	..	..	..	14%
RWA	KEN	254	-	84	74	-	28	-	102	236	-	73%	73%	73%	73%	-7%
RWA	MLW	6,800	6,800	418	399	-	-	-	399	6,819	6,819	100%	100%	100%	100%	0%
RWA	RSA	457	1,386	79	21	-	-	-	21	515	264	100%	100%	100%	100%	13%
RWA	UGA	72	-	38	-	-	-	-	-	110	-	..	..	..	..	53%
SLE	GUI	267	-	236	136	-	6	-	142	361	-	96%	96%	96%	96%	35%
SOM	ARE	3,407	-	68	174	-	192	-	366	3,109	-	48%	48%	48%	48%	-9%
SOM	KEN	-	-	76	*	-	-	-	*	75	-	100%	100%	100%	100%	..
SOM	RSA	3,032	603	494	91	-	-	-	91	3,435	81	100%	100%	100%	100%	13%
SOM	UGA	125	-	26	8	-	-	-	8	143	-	100%	100%	100%	100%	14%
SUD	ARE	7,404	-	1,450	453	-	662	-	1,115	7,739	-	41%	41%	41%	41%	5%
SUD	KEN	21	-	44	10	-	*	-	12	53	-	83%	83%	83%	83%	152%
SUD	UGA	72	-	130	58	-	-	-	58	144	-	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
TAN	RSA	1,969	106	273	*	-	5	-	6	2,236	10	17%	17%	17%	17%	14%
TUR	CYP	68	-	55	-	-	-	-	-	123	-	..	..	..	..	81%
TUR	SVN	7	7	26	-	-	-	31	31	*	*	0%	0%	..	..	-71%
UGA	KEN	244	-	162	*	-	71	-	75	331	-	5%	5%	5%	5%	36%
UGA	RSA	841	206	145	-	-	*	-	*	984	46	0%	0%	0%	0%	17%
YUG	BSN	257	257	380	*	-	57	85	146	491	-	3%	3%	7%	7%	91%
YUG	CYP	150	150	53	*	-	71	12	84	119	119	1%	1%	1%	1%	-21%
YUG	SVN	57	57	25	-	-	*	11	12	70	70	0%	0%	0%	0%	23%
ZIM	RSA	114	158	533	*	-	6	-	9	638	72	33%	33%	33%	33%	460%

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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