



## BRIEFING

### UNHCR's submission on the 2016/17 to 2018/19 Refugee Quota planning cycle

<b>Date:</b>	7 March 2016	<b>Priority:</b>	Medium
<b>Security classification:</b>	In Confidence	<b>Tracking number:</b>	2393 15-16

Action sought		
	Action sought	Deadline
Hon Michael Woodhouse Minister of Immigration	Note the attached paper	21 March 2016
Hon Craig Foss Associate Minister of Immigration	Copy attached for your information.	N/A

Contact for telephone discussion (if required)				
Name	Position	Telephone		1st contact
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The following departments/agencies have been consulted					
<input type="checkbox"/> Treasury	<input type="checkbox"/> MoJ	<input type="checkbox"/> NZTE	<input type="checkbox"/> MSD	<input type="checkbox"/> TEC	<input type="checkbox"/> MoE
<input type="checkbox"/> MFAT	<input type="checkbox"/> MPI	<input type="checkbox"/> MfE	<input type="checkbox"/> DIA	<input type="checkbox"/> TPK	<input type="checkbox"/> MoH

- Minister's office to complete:**
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|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Approved             | <input type="checkbox"/> Declined            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Noted                | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs change        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seen                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Overtaken by Events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> See Minister's Notes | <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn           |

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### Purpose

To:


- advise you of the content of the submission by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) on the 2016/17 to 2018/19 Refugee Quota planning cycle, and
- provide a draft response to Mr Thomas Albrecht, Regional Representative, UNHCR, who seeks a meeting with you to discuss the submission and "how best we can promote our mutual objectives with regard to New Zealand's resettlement programme".

### Recommended action

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (the Ministry) recommends that you:

- a) **note** that the UNHCR:

S 6(b)(ii)



Noted

b) **sign** one of the attached letters to Mr Thomas Albrecht:

EITHER

(i) agreeing to meet with him (recommended)

*Agree/disagree*

OR

(ii) declining to meet with him

*Agree/disagree*

*Christine Hyndman*

Christine Hyndman  
**Manager, Immigration Policy**  
Labour, Science and Enterprise, MBIE

Hon Michael Woodhouse  
**Minister of Immigration**

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### **UNHCR's submission**

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1. On 22 February 2016, the UNHCR provided for your consideration its submission on the 2016/17 to 2018/19 Refugee Quota planning cycle.
2. The UNHCR estimates that there are 20 million refugees, the highest global refugee population in 20 years. The number of refugees (1,150,300) considered to be in need of resettlement has surpassed one million for the first time since the resporting of resettlement needs began.

S 6(b)(ii)



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**Ministry's comment on the submission**

S 6(b)(ii)



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Table One: s 6(b)(ii) and the Ministry's proposed regional allocations (percentage only)

Region	S 6(b)(ii)	Ministry-proposed %
Africa		14
Americas		17
Asia-Pacific		55
Middle East/North Africa		14
Total (allows for 10 percent declined)		100

s 6(b)(ii)

### Thomas Albrecht wishes to meet with you

12. Thomas Albrecht has asked to meet with you to discuss the submission further "along with how best we can promote our mutual objectives with regard to New Zealand's resettlement programme, in particular as they relate to broader protection and solutions issues". This would be a further opportunity for you to discuss New Zealand's proposed approach to the next three-year refugee programme, including the proposed new category *Refugees outside the quota*. The Ministry considers that it would be useful to meet with Mr Albrecht to keep the UNHCR fully apprised of New Zealand's proposals and "on board" with them.
13. Mr Albrecht has also referred in his letter to the 2017 Annual Tripartite Consultations on Resettlement, which New Zealand will be chairing next year. The Annual Tripartite Consultation on Resettlement is an annual meeting of governments, Non Government Organisations and UNHCR aimed at developing coherent and collaborative approaches to enhance global resettlement delivery.

s 6(b)(ii)

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