Glossary for refugee interviews/hearings

English	Translation
Access to court	
Accession	
Account a narration or description (to give an account of an ordeal)	
Accusation	
Acquiescence	
Ad hoc	
Admission to	
Affirmation	
Alien	
Allegation	
Allegation	

Amnesty	
Apostasy	
Appeal	
Appellant	
Applicant	
Application	
Armed forces	
Arrest	
Assertion	
Assets and liabilities	
Asylum	
Asylum seeker	
Atrocities cruel or inhumane acts, especially one involving physical violence or injury	

Authority	
Avail oneself of	
Bad faith	
Balance of probabilities	
Basic requirements	
Biometric	
Bona fides (honest intention)	
Breach of	
Burden of proof	
Cancellation	
Capital crime	
Capital punishment	
Causation	

Cessation	
Charge	
Charter	
Citizenship	
Civil	
Civil law	
Civil war	
Civilian authorities	
Claim	
Claimant	
Clandestine	
Classified	
Classified information	

Clemency	
Come into force	
Commission of crime	
Common crime	
Common law	
Competent	
Confession	
Conscientious objector	
Constitution	
Consulate	
Context	
Contracting state	
Convention	

Convention against torture	
Convention ground	
Conversion	
Convert	
Conviction	
Corporal punishment	
Country	
Country information	
Country of origin	
Credibility	
Crimes against humanity	
Criminal	
Criminal law	

Criteria	
Cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment	
Cumulative	
Cumulative grounds	
Custody	
Custom	
Decision	
Declaration	
Declaration of human rights	
Definition	
Denunciation	
Departure	
Dependants	

Deportation	
Desertion	
Detain	
Detention	
Determination of (refugee and protection status)	
Disappearance	
Discretion	
Discrimination	
Displaced – internally displaced person (idp)– a person who is forced to leave his or her home because of conflict or natural disaster etc	
Disproportionate	
Disruptive interference	
Distinction	
Disturbing public order	

Domestic protection	
Draft evasion	
Dual or multiple	
Duty	
Eligible	
Embassy	
Encounter	
Enter into force	
Establish	
Ethnic origin	
Evaluation	
Evicted	
Evidence	

Excessive and arbitrary	
Exclusion	
Execution	
Exemption from military service	
Expulsion	
Extradition	
Fabrication	
Felony	
Foreigner	
Fugitive	
Fundamental change of circumstances	
Fundamental rights	
Government	

Habit	
Higher authority	
Homosexuality	
Human rights	
Humiliation	
Identity papers	
Illegal	
Immigration	
Indictment	
Intelligence service	
Internal protection alternative (being able to obtain protection in another part of a person's country)	
International arrangement or agreement	
International covenant on civil and political rights	

International covenant on economic, social and cultural rights	
International instruments (treaties)	
International law	
Interrogate	
Interrogation	
Intimidation	
Investigation	
Jurisdiction	
Jurisprudence	
Justification	
Law	
Law enforcement	
Law of the land	

Lawful sanctions	
Legal	
Legislation	
Manifestly unfounded or clearly abusive	
Maturity	
Medical experimentation	
Medical treatment	
Military service	
Minister of immigration	
Minor offences	
Minors – persons under 18 years	
Mock execution	
Mock trial	

Moveable and immovable property	
Nationality	
Natural justice	
Naturalization	
Non-governmental organisation	
Oath	
Objective reasons	
Obligation	
Occasional and incidental	
Offender	
Officials	
Parliament	
Particular social group	

Party to an instrument	
Party to an offence	
Perpetrator	
Persecution / being persecuted	
Plausible	
Political	
Political opinion	
Precedent	
Presumption of innocence	
Privacy waiver	
Private sector	
Probable	
Procedures	

Prosecution –legal proceedings against a person for criminal behaviour	
Proselytize	
Protected person	
Protection	
Protocol	
Provisional measures	
Provisions	
Public relief	
Public sector	
Punishment	
Quasi-governmental	
Race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion	
Ratification	

Re-acquisition	
Real chance	
Reasonable	
Re-availment	
Receiving state	
Recognition	
Refoulement	
Refugee	
Refugee status	
Regime	
Regulation	
Religion	
Religious	

Remote possiblity	
Representative	
Revision	
Right	
Rites and ceremonies	
Rule	
Ruling power	
Sanction	
Search warrant	
Sentence – a decision of a law court	
Serious non political crimes	
Serious harm The sustained or systemic violation of basic human rights	
Settlement of disputes	

Sexual orientation	
Sham trial	
Social group	
Social security	
Socio-economic rights	
Specimen	
Standard of proof	
Stateless	
Statement	
Statute	
State protection (presumption of ...) principle that states are presumed to be able to protect their citizens	
Subjective and objective elements of fear	
Subjective belief	

Submission	
Subpoena	
Subsequent claim	
Substantial	
Substantial grounds for believing	
Substantiate	
Subterfuge	
Summons	
Surplace	
Surveillance	
Torture	
Tradition	
Treatment	

Treaty	
Trial – a judicial examination and determination of issues between parties by a judge and with or without a jury	
Trumped up charges	
Undue hardship	
Unfounded – having no foundation evidence	
United nations	
Validity	
Verification / verify	
Victim	
Victimized	
Violation	
Violation of human rights	
Wage-earning employment	

War crimes	
Warrant of arrest	
Well-founded – based on good evidence, having a foundation in fact or reason	
Witness	