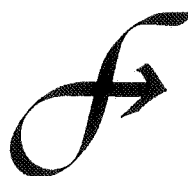


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Kære Inge Bruhn-Thomsen,

Vedr. Tilbagesendelse af asylsøgere til Sierra Leone.

Vedlagt sendes til orientering UNHCR's skrivelse af 21. april d.å. vedrørende spørgsmålet om tilbagesendelse af asylsøgere fra Sierra Leone, der har fået afslag på asyl. Heraf fremgår for det første, at UNHCR henstiller til alle asyllande, at der på baggrund af den alvorlige situation i Sierra Leone, ikke sker tilbagesendelse dertil. Videre henstilles det, at de personer, der således har fået afslag på flygtningestatus, i stedet meddeles en eller anden form for humanitær opholdstilladelse med henblik på at sikre deres beskyttelse.

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Med venlig hilsen

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Subject: Return of rejected asylum seekers to Sierra Leone

Dear Nina Lassen,

Further to your request for information on the UNHCR position on the above mentioned topic.

UNHCR calls on asylum countries not to return rejected Sierra Leonean asylum-seekers given the prevailing situation of civil war, massive human rights violations and generalized violence. Those who are not judged, against a strict interpretation, to meet the refugee criteria of the 1951 Convention should be granted some form of a humanitarian residence status for as long as necessary to ensure their protection. While Freetown has been relatively safe during the last months, the situation remains volatile and precarious. UNHCR has resisted pressure from the Government, as well as from neighbouring asylum-countries, to repatriate refugees.

Thanks for your attention

Karin Davin