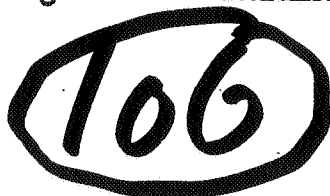


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Policy towards rejected asylum seekers
from Somalia

Dear Mr. Olesen,

With reference to our phone conversation of today I can inform you as follows.

On 22 June 1997 the President of the Republic of Somaliland has consented in an agreement with the Dutch Government with regard to the return of Somaliland illegal migrants from the Netherlands to Somaliland.

The implementation of this agreement provides for a role of the International Organisation for Migration. IOM will open a small office in Hargeisa and assist every individual returnee under this agreement with his reintegration in the Somaliland community. For that purpose presently a combined Mission of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Dutch Immigration Service and IOM Geneva is in Somaliland to finalize the implementation aspects.

Up to this moment the Dutch Government has sent no rejected Somali asylum seekers back to Somaliland or Somalia.

I hope this information is of use to you.

Sincerely,

(Hens A. Wolf)
Head International Bureau