

## Issues' Analysis

### **-Asylum Seekers and Refugees-** *Session 1-5*

#### **Introduction**

This issue is raised fairly often within the context of the Universal Periodic Review. Out of over 5000 recommendations in total over 5 sessions, 98 recommendations focussed on asylum seekers and refugees.<sup>1</sup> In total, 32 advance questions concerned this issue. Overall, 50 states made recommendations and posed questions on asylum seekers and refugees, while 44 States under Review received questions and recommendations. Generally all regions made recommendations on this issue, while most questions came from the WEOG region (84%). Similarly, as far as the States under Review are concerned, all regions received questions and recommendations, with the Asian and WEOG regions receiving the most questions (respectively 28% and 28%) and recommendations (28% and 34%).

The recommendations and questions covered issues like the ratification and implementation of the Convention relating to the status of refugees, the Geneva Conventions, recommendations of treaty bodies, expulsion procedures, asylum procedures, detention of asylum seekers, use of force, discrimination of asylum seekers and refugees and the family and children of refugees.

#### **Top 5 countries making recommendations on this issue**

1. Czech Republic (10 recommendations)
2. Mexico (8 recommendations)
3. Canada (7 recommendations)
4. Algeria (5 recommendations)  
Brazil (5 recommendations)

#### **Top 5 States under Review receiving recommendations on this issue**

1. Malta (11 recommendations)
2. Chad (9 recommendations)
3. Malaysia (8 recommendations)
4. Bangladesh (5 recommendations)  
Central African Republic (5 recommendations)

#### **Top 4 countries posing advance written questions on this issue**

1. United Kingdom (11 questions)
2. Netherlands (7 questions)
3. Sweden (5 questions)
4. Hungary (2 questions)

#### **Top 2 States under Review receiving advance written questions on this issue**

1. Malaysia (3 questions)  
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<sup>1</sup> For more detailed data, see the table.