

CONTEXT OF ASYLUM AND INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION IN CÔTE D'IVOIRE



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I - HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

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- GUINEAN REFUGEES, FIRST REFUGEES WELCOMED IN THE CÔTE D'IVOIRE, DUE TO THE POLITICAL CONTEXT IN THIS COUNTRY
- A FEW THOUSAND NIGERIAN REFUGEES, ORIGINALLY FROM THE REGION OF BIAFRA, FLEEING THE CIVIL WAR BETWEEN THIS REGION AND THE NIGERIAN STATE
- REFUGEES FROM CAMBODIA, THE DRC, REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

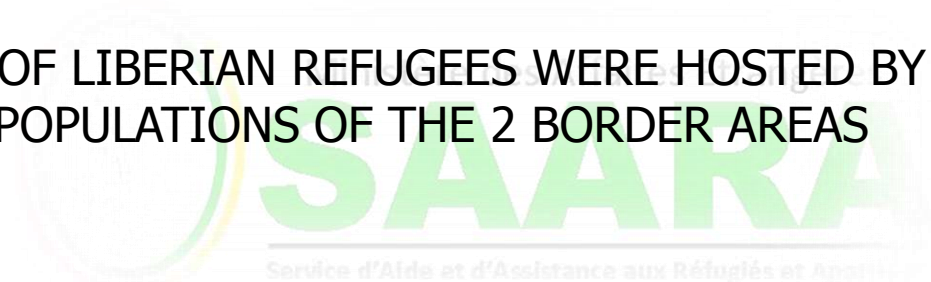
OBSERVATION: NO PERMANENT STRUCTURE FOR MANAGING REFUGEES



B. AFTER 1990, PERIOD OF MASSIVE REFUGEE FLOWS TO CÔTE D'IVOIRE

- 1990, CRITICAL YEAR AS CÔTE D'IVOIRE WELCOMES HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF REFUGEES FOR THE FIRST TIME
- 400,000 LIBERIAN REFUGEES FLEEING THE WAR IN LIBERIA
- 45,000 REFUGEES FLEEING THE WAR IN SIERRA LEONE
- DOZENS OF RWANDAN REFUGEES FLEEING THE CIVIL WAR IN RWANDA
- IN 2007, REFUGEE STATUS CESSATION OF CLAUSE FOR SIERRA LEONEANS
- JULY 2012, REFUGEE STATUS CESSATION CLAUSE FOR LIBERIANS
- SINCE PEACE RETURNED TO LIBERIA AND SIERRA LEONE AND THESE TWO CESSATION CLAUSES, WERE IMPLMENTED, CÔTE D'IVOIRE NOW ONLY HOSTS 1,822 REFUGEES.

OBSERVATION: THE MAJORITY OF LIBERIAN REFUGEES WERE HOSTED BY IVORIAN FAMILIES DUE TO THE ETHNIC PROXIMITY BETWEEN THE POPULATIONS OF THE 2 BORDER AREAS



II - OPERATIONAL CONTEXT

- CREATION OF AN INTER-MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE IN 1990 , MANAGED BY THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR, TO MANAGE EMERGENCIES RELATED TO THE INFLUX OF LIBERIAN REFUGEES
- CREATION OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR COORDINATION AND SUPPORT OF LIBERIAN REFUGEES (CNCARL) IN 1992, 1ST PERMANENT STATE STRUCTURE FOR MANAGING REFUGEES IN CÔTE D'IVOIRE
- 1992, SEAT AGREEMENT BETWEEN CÔTE D'IVOIRE AND UNHCR
- CREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AID AND ASSISTANCE FOR REFUGEES AND STATELESS PERSONS IN 2000

A. LEGAL BASES FOR ASYLUM AND INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION

- IVORIAN CONSTITUTION OF 1ST AUGUST 2000
- 1951 GENEVA CONVENTION RELATING TO THE STATUS OF REFUGEES, RATIFIED ON 8 DECEMBER 1961
- 1969 OAU CONVENTION GOVERNING THE SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF ^{SEP} REFUGEE PROBLEMS IN AFRICA, SIGNED BY CÔTE D'IVOIRE ON 10 SEPTEMBER 1969, SUBMITTED ON 26 FEBRUARY 1998 AND RATIFIED ON 20 APRIL 1998

OBSERVATION: WEAKNESS IN OUR LEGAL FRAMEWORK IN THIS RESPECT DUE TO LACK OF INTERNAL ASYLUM. SOLUTION IN PROGRESS: DRAFT LEGISLATION ON ASYLUM IN PROCESS OF BEING ADOPTED

B. OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

PRIMA FACIE OR GROUP RECOGNITION
INDIVIDUAL RECOGNITION

FOR INDIVIDUAL RECOGNITION:

- STATUS APPLICATION TO THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON ELIGIBILITY FOR REFUGEE STATUS
- APPEAL TO THE REFUGEE STATUS APPEALS COMMISSION
- APPEALS FOR ULTRA VIRES BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT

FINAL OBSERVATION: INTERNAL LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR ASYLUM AND INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION TO BE COMPLETED

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND ATTENTION

