



Republic of Rwanda
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
and International Cooperation



MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF DENMARK



Ministry of Immigration
and Integration

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

**THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND THE
MINISTRY OF IMMIGRATION AND INTEGRATION OF
THE KINGDOM OF DENMARK**

&

**THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION OF
THE REPUBLIC OF RWANDA**

REGARDING

COOPERATION ON ASYLUM AND MIGRATION ISSUES

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Immigration and Integration of the Kingdom of Denmark (hereafter Denmark) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Rwanda (hereafter Rwanda) together the Parties and in singular the Party;

Considering that for many years, Rwanda has willingly been hosting and giving shelter to hundreds of thousands of refugees, primarily from neighboring Democratic Republic of Congo and the Republic of Burundi. Moreover, Rwanda has made significant commitments to the protection and assistance of refugees including by signing the the MoU with the African Union (AU) and UNHCR establishing the Emergency Transit Mechanism (ETM) aims at providing life-saving protection, assistance and long-term solutions to extremely vulnerable refugees trapped in detention in Libya, through temporary evacuation to Rwanda;

In the framework of the follow-up to the Global Compact on Refugees, Rwanda has made important legal, material, financial and resettlement pledges at the Global Refugee Forum in December 2019, with a view to, among others, access to job opportunities, education and sustainable livelihood to refugees, displaced persons and host communities;

Rwanda is a party to the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and its 1967 Protocol. Rwanda is party to the 1969 OAU Convention Governing the Specific Aspects of Refugee Problems in Africa and ratified the 2009 African Union Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons in Africa (the Kampala Convention) in 2012. Rwanda is also party to the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons (the 1954 Convention) and to the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness (the 1961 Convention). Rwanda is also a party to the Chicago Convention of 7th December 1944 on International Civil Aviation, the Cotonou Agreement of 26th June 2000 concerning the return and readmission of Countries' national who are illegally present on the territory of the other; or found inadmissible upon entering such territory, the international covenant of 16th December on civil and political rights, the international covenant on 16th December on economic, social, and cultural rights, the convention of 10th December 1984 against torture and other cruel, inhuman and treatment or punishment;

Denmark is a party to the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and its 1967 Protocol. Denmark was also one of the first 15 members of the UNHCR Advisory Committee established in 1951. Denmark ratified the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) in 1953 and it was incorporated in Danish law on 29 April 1992. As a result, the courts of Denmark have a duty to enforce the ECHR. Due to the Danish reservation in the European Union in the area of Justice and Home Affairs, Denmark is not bound by European Union legislation regarding asylum and immigration. However, through parallel agreements Denmark is party to the European Union Dublin and Eurodac Regulations;

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