Translation of

Law No. 164 of 2024 Concerning Promulgating the Foreigners' Asylum Law

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Law No. 164 of 2024, Concerning Promulgating the Foreigners' Asylum Law.

In the name of the people: President of the republic

The House of Representatives has enacted the following law, which we hereby promulgate:

Preamble

In the Name of the People

The President of the Republic

The House of Representatives has passed the following Law, which we hereby

Promulgation Articles

Article (1):

Without prejudice to the international conventions in force in the Arab Republic of Egypt, the provisions of the accompanying Law concerning Foreigners' Asylum shall apply. Its provisions shall apply to refugees and asylum seekers as defined in Article (1) of the accompanying Law and shall also apply to any person who acquired refugee status prior to the entry into force of this Law.

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Article (2):

The Prime Minister shall issue the Executive Regulations of the accompanying Law within six months from the date of its entry into force.

Article (3):

This Law shall be published in the Official Gazette and shall enter into force on the day following the date of its publication.

Foreigners' Asylum Law

Article (1):

For the purposes of applying the provisions of this Law, the following words and expressions shall have the meanings assigned to each of them below:

Competent Ministry: The Ministry of Interior.

Competent Committee: The Permanent Committee for Refugee Affairs.

Refugee: Any foreign national who is outside the country of his nationality or outside his country of habitual residence owing to a reasonable ground based on a well-founded fear of persecution on account of his race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group, or political opinions, or as a result of aggression, foreign occupation, or other events seriously threatening public security in the country of his nationality or habitual residence, and who is unable or unwilling, owing to such well-founded fear, to avail himself of the protection of that country; and any stateless person who is outside his country of habitual residence as a result of any of the aforementioned circumstances and who is unable or unwilling, owing to such well-founded fear, to return to that country, provided that the Competent Committee has granted such person refugee status in accordance with the provisions of this Law.

Asylum Seeker: Any foreign national who has submitted an application to the Competent Committee to obtain refugee status in accordance with the provisions of this Law, and whose application has not yet been determined.

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Article (2):

A committee named the "Permanent Committee for Refugee Affairs" shall be established, having legal personality, reporting to the Prime Minister, and having its principal headquarters in Cairo.

The Competent Committee shall be the authority responsible for refugee affairs, including information and statistical data concerning the number of refugees. In particular, it shall undertake the following functions:

- Determining asylum applications in accordance with Article (7) of this Law.
- Cooperating with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and other international organizations and entities concerned with refugee affairs, in coordination with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- Coordinating with the State's administrative authorities to ensure the provision of all forms of support, care, and services to refugees.

Article (3):

The Competent Committee shall be composed of representatives of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Justice, Interior, and Finance. The term of membership shall be four years.

A decree shall be issued by the Prime Minister, within three months from the date of entry into force of this Law, appointing the Chairman and members of the Competent Committee and determining its operating procedures and the financial treatment of its Chairman and members. The Chairman shall represent the Competent Committee before the courts and in its relations with third parties.

The Prime Minister may include representatives of relevant ministries and entities in the membership of the Competent Committee. The Competent Committee may also invite experts and specialists in its field of work whom it deems appropriate to assist it to attend its meetings.

The Competent Committee shall prepare a report on the results of its activities every three months, which its Chairman shall submit to the Prime Minister.

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Article (4):

The Competent Committee shall have a Technical Secretariat. A decree shall be issued by the Prime Minister determining its functions, operating procedures, the appointment of its Head, the term of his appointment, his financial treatment, and his responsibilities.

The Head of the Technical Secretariat shall be assisted in performing the duties assigned to him by a sufficient number of employees seconded to the Competent Committee from the State's administrative authorities, subject to the approval of the relevant authorities.

Article (5):

The resources of the Competent Committee shall consist of the following:

- Appropriations that may be allocated by the State in the General Budget.

- Grants, donations, gifts, subsidies, and loans received or contracted by the Competent Committee in accordance with the rules and provisions prescribed in this regard, provided that they do not conflict with its objectives and subject to the approval of the competent ministries and authorities of the State.

Article (6):

Without prejudice to the provisions of the Unified Public Finance Law promulgated by Law No. 6 of 2022, the resources of the Competent Committee shall be deposited in a special account within the Treasury Single Account at the Central Bank of Egypt. Expenditures shall be made from such account for the purposes of the Competent Committee in accordance with the rules and procedures prescribed by a decree issued by the Prime Minister upon the recommendation of the Competent Committee.

Any surplus from its own resources shall be carried forward from one financial year to the next, and its funds shall be subject to the oversight of the Central Auditing Organization.

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Article (7):

An asylum seeker or his legal representative shall submit an asylum application to the Competent Committee. The Competent Committee shall determine the application within six months from the date of its submission if the asylum seeker entered the country lawfully. However, if the asylum seeker entered the country unlawfully, the period for determining the application shall be one year from the date of its submission.

Priority in the consideration and examination of asylum applications shall be given to applications submitted by persons with disabilities, elderly persons, pregnant women, unaccompanied children, and victims of human trafficking, torture, or sexual violence.

The Competent Committee shall issue its decision either granting refugee status or rejecting the application. In the latter case, the Competent Committee shall request the Competent Ministry to remove the asylum seeker from the country. The asylum seeker shall be notified of the Competent Committee's decision.

Pending determination of the asylum application, the Competent Committee may request the adoption of such measures and procedures as it deems necessary in respect of the asylum seeker for considerations relating to the protection of national security and public order.

All of the foregoing shall be implemented in accordance with the provisions of the Executive Regulations of this Law.

Article (8):

An asylum seeker shall not acquire refugee status in any of the following circumstances:

- Where there are serious reasons to believe that he has committed a crime against peace, a crime against humanity, or a war crime.
- Where he has committed a serious crime prior to entering the Arab Republic of Egypt.
- Where he has committed any acts contrary to the purposes and principles of the United Nations.

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- Where he is included on the lists of terrorist entities and terrorists within the Arab Republic of Egypt in accordance with the provisions of Law No. 8 of 2015 concerning the Regulation of Lists of Terrorist Entities and Terrorists.

- Where he has committed any acts that may prejudice national security or public order.

Article (9):

The Competent Committee shall issue a decision revoking refugee status in any of the following circumstances:

- Where refugee status was acquired through fraud, deceit, or the omission of any essential data or information.

- Where it is established that the refugee has committed any of the acts stipulated in Article (8) of this Law.

- Where it is established that the refugee has breached any of the obligations prescribed under Articles (28), (29), and (30) of this Law.

Upon issuing a decision revoking refugee status, the Competent Committee shall request the Competent Ministry to remove the person concerned from the country, in accordance with the procedures prescribed by the Executive Regulations of this Law.

Article (10):

In times of war, in the context of implementing legally prescribed counterterrorism measures, or in the event of serious or exceptional circumstances, the Competent Committee may request the adoption of such temporary measures and necessary procedures as it deems appropriate in respect of an asylum seeker for considerations relating to the protection of national security and public order, in accordance with the provisions of the Executive Regulations of this Law.

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Article (11):

The Competent Committee shall issue the refugee a document certifying his refugee status.

The Executive Regulations of this Law shall determine the particulars to be included in such document, its period of validity, and the procedures for its issuance and renewal.

Article (12):

A refugee shall have the right to obtain a travel document issued by the Competent Ministry following the approval of the Competent Committee. The Executive Regulations of this Law shall determine the conditions and procedures governing its issuance and renewal.

The Competent Committee may, for reasons relating to national security or public order, decide not to grant the refugee a travel document.

Article (13):

It shall be prohibited to return or forcibly repatriate a refugee to the country of his nationality or the country of his habitual residence.

Article (14):

A refugee shall enjoy freedom of religious belief. Refugees belonging to the Abrahamic religions shall have the right to practice their religious rites in places of worship designated for that purpose.

Article (15):

In matters of personal status, including marriage and its legal effects, inheritance, and endowments (waqf), a refugee shall be subject to the law of the country of his domicile or, if he has no domicile, the law of the country of his residence, provided that such law does not conflict with public order.

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This shall be without prejudice to any related rights acquired by the refugee prior to obtaining refugee status, provided that any procedures relating to such rights that have not yet been completed shall be duly completed.

All of the foregoing shall be subject to the laws and regulations in force in the Arab Republic of Egypt.

Article (16):

A refugee shall enjoy the same rights granted to foreigners in relation to principal and accessory rights in rem over immovable and movable property and the rights associated therewith. A refugee shall also enjoy the same rights with respect to intellectual property.

A refugee shall also have the right to transfer any property brought into the Arab Republic of Egypt for the purpose of residing therein, provided that such transfer does not prejudice national security or public order.

All of the foregoing shall be governed by the relevant laws.

Article (17):

A refugee shall have the right of access to the courts and to exemption from judicial fees where warranted, in accordance with the provisions of the relevant laws.

Article (18):

A refugee shall have the right to work and receive appropriate remuneration for his work. A refugee shall also have the right to practice liberal professions, provided that he holds a recognized qualification and has obtained a temporary permit from the competent authorities in the country.

All of the foregoing shall be governed by the relevant laws.

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Article (19):

A refugee shall have the right to engage in self-employment, establish companies, or join existing companies, in accordance with the provisions of the relevant laws.

Article (20):

A refugee child shall have the right to basic education.

Refugees holding educational certificates issued abroad shall have the right to have such certificates recognized.

All of the foregoing shall be subject to the rules applicable to foreigners under the relevant laws.

Article (21):

A refugee shall have the right to receive appropriate healthcare, in accordance with the provisions of the Executive Regulations of this Law and the decrees issued by the Minister responsible for health affairs.

Article (22):

Except in the circumstances referred to in Article (10) of this Law, a refugee shall enjoy freedom of movement and the right to choose his place of residence, provided that he notifies the Competent Committee of his permanent place of residence and any changes thereto, in accordance with the provisions of the relevant laws and the Executive Regulations of this Law.

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Article (23):

A refugee shall not be subjected to any taxes, fees, or other financial burdens, regardless of their designation, that differ from those imposed on citizens.

Without prejudice to the provisions of the first paragraph of this Article, the Competent Committee may request the Competent Ministry to consider exempting a refugee from the fees and service charges prescribed for the issuance of administrative documents granted to foreigners, in accordance with the provisions of the relevant laws.

Article (24):

A refugee shall have the right to become a member of any association or its board of directors, in accordance with the law regulating the exercise of civil society activities and its Executive Regulations.

Article (25):

A refugee shall have the right, at any time, to return voluntarily to the country of his nationality or the country of his habitual residence.

The Competent Committee shall coordinate with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the country of the refugee's nationality or habitual residence to undertake the necessary procedures for voluntary return.

All of the foregoing shall be governed by the Executive Regulations of this Law.

Article (26):

The Competent Committee may, in coordination with the competent international entities, resettle a refugee in another country other than the country from which he departed, in accordance with the provisions of the Executive Regulations of this Law.

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Article (27):

A refugee shall have the right to apply for Egyptian nationality, in accordance with the provisions of the relevant laws.

Article (28):

A refugee shall comply with the Constitution, laws, and regulations in force in the Arab Republic of Egypt, observe the values of Egyptian society, and respect its traditions.

Article (29):

A refugee shall be prohibited from engaging in any activity that may prejudice national security or public order, or that is contrary to the purposes and principles of the United Nations, the African Union, the League of Arab States, or any organization to which Egypt is a party, or from committing any hostile act against his country of origin or any other country.

Article (30):

A refugee shall be prohibited from engaging in any political or partisan activity or any activity within trade unions, or from establishing, joining, or participating in any manner whatsoever in any political party.

Article (31):

Any person who enters the Arab Republic of Egypt unlawfully and meets the substantive requirements for asylum seeker status shall voluntarily submit an asylum application to the Competent Committee no later than forty-five days from the date of his entry.

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Article (32):

Any person who arrives directly from territories where his life or freedom was at risk shall not incur civil or criminal liability on account of his unlawful entry into or presence within the territory of the Arab Republic of Egypt, provided that he surrenders himself to any governmental authority immediately upon arrival.

Article (33):

Asylum shall terminate in any of the following circumstances:

- The voluntary return of the refugee to the country of his nationality or, if he is stateless, to the country of his habitual residence.
- The resettlement of the refugee in another country other than the country from which he departed.
- The acquisition by the refugee of Egyptian nationality through naturalization.
- The refugee's voluntary re-availment of the protection of the country of his nationality.
- The refugee's voluntary reacquisition of a nationality previously lost and his enjoyment of the protection of the country of that nationality.
- The refugee's acquisition of a new nationality and his enjoyment of the protection of the country of that nationality.
- Where the circumstances that gave rise to asylum have ceased to exist, such that the refugee can no longer continue to refuse the protection of the country of his nationality or residence.
- The refugee's departure from the Arab Republic of Egypt for a continuous period of six months without an excuse accepted by the Competent Committee.

The Competent Committee shall issue a decision terminating asylum within fifteen days from the date on which any of the circumstances referred to in the first paragraph of this Article occurs.

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Except for the circumstances stipulated in Items (1) and (3) of the first paragraph of this Article, the Competent Committee shall request the Competent Ministry to remove the refugee from the country following the issuance of the aforementioned decision.

All of the foregoing shall be governed by the Executive Regulations of this Law.

Article (34):

The competent investigating authorities shall notify the Competent Committee where a refugee is accused of committing a felony or misdemeanor, or where a judgment is issued against him in respect of any such offence.

Article (35):

Decisions issued by the Competent Committee pursuant to the provisions of this Law may be challenged before the Administrative Court of the State Council.

Article (36):

Without prejudice to any more severe penalty prescribed under the Penal Code or any other law, the offences specified in the following Articles shall be punishable by the penalties prescribed therein.

Article (37):

Subject to the provisions of the Labour Law, any person who employs or shelters an asylum seeker without notifying the competent police station within whose jurisdiction the place of employment or shelter is located, where it is established that such person was aware thereof, shall be punishable by imprisonment for a period of not less than six months and a fine of not less than EGP 50,000 and not exceeding EGP 100,000, or by either of these two penalties.

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Article (38):

Any person who violates the provisions of Article (29) of this Law shall be punishable by imprisonment for a period of not less than three years and a fine of not less than EGP 100,000 and not exceeding EGP 500,000, or by either of these two penalties.

Article (39):

Subject to the provisions of the Law on Combating Illegal Migration and Migrant Smuggling promulgated by Law No. 82 of 2016, and Article (32) of this Law, any person who violates the provisions of Article (31) of this Law shall be punishable by imprisonment for a period of not less than six months and a fine of not less than EGP 10,000 and not exceeding EGP 100,000, or by either of these two penalties.

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26 November 2026

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Arab Republic of Egypt

Prime Ministerial Decree No. 1568 of 2026 Promulgating the Executive Regulations of the Foreigners' Asylum Law promulgated by Law No. 164 of 2024.

Preamble

The Prime Minister,

Having reviewed the Constitution;

The Civil Code;

Law No. 172 of 1954 concerning the approval of the Agreement concluded between the Egyptian Government and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, signed in Cairo on 10 February 1954;

Law No. 89 of 1960 concerning the Entry and Residence of Foreigners in the Territories of the Arab Republic of Egypt and Their Departure Therefrom;

The Civil and Commercial Procedures Law promulgated by Law No. 13 of 1968;

The State Council Law promulgated by Law No. 47 of 1972;

Law No. 26 of 1975 concerning Egyptian Nationality;

The Education Law promulgated by Law No. 139 of 1981;

The Child Law promulgated by Law No. 12 of 1996;

Law No. 64 of 2010 concerning Combating Human Trafficking;

Law No. 8 of 2015 concerning the Regulation of Lists of Terrorist Entities and Terrorists;

The Anti-Terrorism Law promulgated by Law No. 94 of 2015;

The Law on Combating Illegal Migration and Migrant Smuggling promulgated by Law No. 82 of 2016; The Law on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities promulgated by Law No. 10 of 2018;

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Law No. 30 of 2018 concerning the Regulation of the National Council for Women;

Law No. 11 of 2019 concerning the National Council for Persons with Disabilities;

The Personal Data Protection Law promulgated by Law No. 151 of 2020;

Law No. 182 of 2023 concerning the Reorganization of the National Council for Childhood and Motherhood;

The Foreigners' Asylum Law promulgated by Law No. 164 of 2024;

The Labour Law promulgated by Law No. 14 of 2025;

Presidential Decree No. 332 of 1980 concerning the approval of the Organization of African Unity Convention Governing the Specific Aspects of Refugee Problems in Africa, signed in Addis Ababa on 10 September 1969;

Presidential Decree No. 331 of 1980 concerning the approval of the United Nations Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees, signed in Geneva on 28 July 1951;

Presidential Decree No. 333 of 1980 concerning the approval of the Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees;

Presidential Decree No. 260 of 1990 concerning the approval of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 20 November 1989;

Upon consideration of the opinion of the State Council;

And following the approval of the Council of Ministers;

Hereby decrees:

Promulgation Articles

Article (1):

The provisions of the accompanying Executive Regulations of the Foreigners' Asylum Law promulgated by Law No. 164 of 2024 shall apply.

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Article (2):

Valid refugee and asylum seeker cards issued by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in the Arab Republic of Egypt prior to the date of entry into force of this Decree shall remain valid until the expiry of their validity periods or until the Permanent Committee for Refugee Affairs issues the documents and registration cards prescribed under the accompanying Executive Regulations, whichever occurs first.

Furthermore, the aforementioned cards issued by UNHCR whose validity periods expire within six months from the date of entry into force of this Decree shall be deemed valid throughout the said six-month period or until the Permanent Committee for Refugee Affairs issues the documents and registration cards prescribed under the accompanying Executive Regulations, whichever occurs first.

In all cases, refugees and asylum seekers shall submit such cards to the Permanent Committee for Refugee Affairs at least one month before the expiry of the periods specified in the first and second paragraphs of this Article, in order for the necessary procedures to be undertaken in respect thereof, in accordance with the provisions of the aforementioned Foreigners' Asylum Law and the accompanying Executive Regulations.

Refugees whose documents expired prior to the date of entry into force of this Decree shall notify the Permanent Committee for Refugee Affairs within six months from the date of entry into force of this Decree, through the notification methods determined by the Competent Committee, in order for the necessary measures to be taken in respect thereof in accordance with the provisions of the aforementioned Foreigners' Asylum Law and the accompanying Executive Regulations.

Article (3):

Immediately upon publication of this Decree, the Permanent Committee for Refugee Affairs shall undertake the necessary procedures to organize cooperation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and other international organizations and entities concerned with refugee affairs, in coordination with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, with a view to establishing the mechanisms and procedures necessary for the exercise of its functions relating to refugees and asylum seekers, in accordance with the provisions of the aforementioned Foreigners' Asylum Law and the accompanying Executive Regulations.

The aforementioned Committee shall coordinate with UNHCR to receive all data relating to asylum seekers who submitted their applications to UNHCR prior to the date of entry into force of this Decree, as well as data relating to refugees previously recognized by UNHCR.

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Such data shall be received within a period not exceeding six months from the date of entry into force of this Decree, in order for the necessary measures to be taken in respect thereof in accordance with the provisions of the aforementioned Foreigners' Asylum Law and the accompanying Executive Regulations.

Article (4):

The periods specified in Articles (2) and (3) of this Decree may each be extended for an additional period of equal duration by a decree issued by the Prime Minister upon the recommendation of the Permanent Committee for Refugee Affairs.

Article (5):

This Decree shall be published in the Official Gazette and shall enter into force three months after the date of its publication.

Executive Regulations: Chapter One – General Provisions: Definitions

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Article (1):

For the purpose of applying the provisions of these Executive Regulations, the following words and expressions shall have the meanings assigned to each of them below:

Competent Ministry: The Ministry of Interior.

Competent Committee: The Permanent Committee for Refugee Affairs.

UNHCR: The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

Law: The Foreigners' Asylum Law promulgated by Law No. 164 of 2024.

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Refugee: Any foreign national who is outside the country of his nationality or outside his country of habitual residence owing to a reasonable ground based on a well-founded fear of persecution on account of his race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group, or political opinions, or as a result of aggression, foreign occupation, or other events seriously threatening public security in the country of his nationality or habitual residence, and who is unable or unwilling, owing to such well-founded fear, to avail himself of the protection of that country; and any stateless person who is outside his country of habitual residence as a result of any of the aforementioned circumstances and who is unable or unwilling, owing to such well-founded fear, to return to that country, provided that the Competent Committee has granted such person refugee status in accordance with the provisions of the Law.

Asylum Seeker: Any foreign national who has submitted an application to the Competent Committee to obtain refugee status in accordance with the provisions of the Law, and whose application has not yet been determined.

Priority Groups: Persons with disabilities, elderly persons, pregnant women, unaccompanied children, and victims of human trafficking, torture, or sexual violence.

Unaccompanied Child: Any foreign national present within the Arab Republic of Egypt who has not attained eighteen full Gregorian years of age, who is separated from both parents and other relatives, and who is not being cared for by an adult responsible for him under law or custom.

Biometric Data: Unique personal information resulting from an individual's physical or behavioral characteristics, which is used for the purposes of identifying a person or verifying his identity.

Executive Regulations: Chapter One – General Provisions: Competent Committee and Technical Secretariat

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Article (2):

The Competent Committee shall be the authority responsible for refugee affairs, including the management of information and statistical data relating to the number of refugees, and shall exercise its functions as prescribed under Article (2) of the Law.

The Competent Committee shall prepare a report on the results of its activities every three months, which its Chairman shall submit to the Prime Minister.

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The Competent Committee shall be assisted in performing its functions by its Technical Secretariat. A decree shall be issued by the Prime Minister determining the functions and operating procedures of the Technical Secretariat, the appointment of its Head, the term of his appointment, his financial treatment, and his responsibilities.

The Competent Committee shall approve procedural guidelines for receiving and examining applications, conducting personal interviews, preparing case assessment reports, and establishing mechanisms for dealing with different categories of refugees and asylum seekers, in a manner that ensures the standardization of criteria and their consistency with the provisions of the Law and these Executive Regulations.

The Competent Committee may establish branch offices to receive applications from refugees or asylum seekers or to undertake certain procedures relating to the examination of such applications, in accordance with the provisions of these Executive Regulations.

Executive Regulations: Chapter One – General Provisions: Competent Committee Database

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Article (3):

The Competent Committee shall establish a centralized database in which all information and statistical data relating to refugees and asylum seekers shall be recorded, including basic personal data, biometric data, the stages of asylum application procedures, documents issued to them, and the forms of care, support, and services provided to them.

The Competent Committee shall regularly update such data and ensure its security in a manner that guarantees its confidentiality and integrity.

Subject to the provisions of the Personal Data Protection Law promulgated by Law No. 151 of 2020 and the laws governing the confidentiality of information, the Competent Committee shall ensure that the personal data of refugees and asylum seekers are processed only to the extent necessary for purposes relating to the examination of asylum applications, the management of refugee and asylum seeker files, the issuance of their documents, and coordination with competent local authorities, institutions, and international organizations to provide them with care, support, and services, all in accordance with the provisions of the Law and these Executive Regulations.

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Article (4):

An asylum seeker or his legal representative, as the case may be, shall submit an asylum application to the Competent Committee using the forms prepared by the Committee for this purpose, in accordance with the following procedures:

First – Legal Capacity to Submit an Application and Legal Representation:

A foreign national having full legal capacity may submit an asylum application in person. Where the applicant has limited or no legal capacity, the application shall be submitted on his behalf by his legal guardian, testamentary guardian, court-appointed guardian, or other legal representative, as the case may be.

Where a person with limited or no legal capacity has no legal representative, the Competent Committee shall provide a qualified legal representative, free of charge, who shall undertake all procedures relating to the submission of the asylum application on behalf of and in the interests of such person until the application is determined, thereby ensuring that the person is able to exercise his right to submit the application.

Second – Family Applications:

An asylum seeker may submit an application covering his dependent family members accompanying him within the Arab Republic of Egypt, in accordance with the mechanisms and forms prepared by the Competent Committee for this purpose.

No adult family member shall be included in the application without his written consent. Any such family member may request to submit a separate application, and the Competent Committee may separate applications where necessary. The submission of a joint application shall not prejudice the right of any family member to submit an independent application at any stage of the procedures.

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Where a child is born to an asylum seeker within the Arab Republic of Egypt, or where a child of the asylum seeker enters the country after the submission of the asylum application, the asylum seeker or his legal representative shall notify the Competent Committee accordingly.

The child shall be recorded in the asylum application file, and an asylum application shall be deemed to have been submitted on behalf of the child as of the date of such notification, unless a separate application is requested for the child.

Third – Representation of a Child by Either Parent:

Either parent shall be deemed authorized to submit an asylum application on behalf of a child where the other parent does not reside within the Arab Republic of Egypt or where his or her place of residence therein cannot be determined, unless a court judgment provides otherwise.

Fourth – The Child's Opinion in Applications Submitted on His Behalf:

In applications submitted on behalf of children, the child's opinion shall be taken into consideration in a manner appropriate to his age and level of maturity, without prejudice to the best interests of the child.

Fifth – Representation of an Unaccompanied Child:

The Competent Committee shall provide qualified legal representation, free of charge, for unaccompanied children, in coordination with the National Council for Childhood and Motherhood.

Such legal representative shall undertake all procedures relating to the submission of the asylum application in the interests of the child until the application is determined, thereby ensuring that the child is able to exercise his right to submit the application.

With respect to unaccompanied children subject to the provisions of the Law on Combating Illegal Migration and Migrant Smuggling promulgated by Law No. 82 of 2016, the National Council for Childhood and Motherhood shall be deemed the legal representative of each such child and shall undertake, on their behalf, all procedures relating to the submission of asylum applications until their determination, in a manner that serves the best interests of the child and ensures the exercise of his right to submit an application.

Sixth – Requirements Applicable to Legal Representatives:

Without prejudice to legal representatives appointed by operation of law, a legal representative must possess appropriate competence and experience in international refugee

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law and asylum application procedures, maintain confidentiality, avoid conflicts of interest, and observe professional ethics and responsibilities.

The representation of an asylum seeker before the Competent Committee shall not be recognized unless the legal representative submits evidence of his capacity and an accreditation form containing the asylum seeker's consent. Such form shall be included in the application file following verification that the aforementioned requirements have been satisfied.

Upon accreditation, the legal representative shall sign a declaration acknowledging his awareness of the asylum seeker's rights and obligations and the procedures applicable to his application under the Law and these Executive Regulations.

The declaration shall also include an undertaking to maintain the confidentiality of the data, information, and documents relating to the asylum application or file, and not to disclose them except to the competent authorities and within the limits permitted by law.

The Competent Committee shall prepare a form for accrediting legal representatives to act before it. Such form shall include the asylum seeker's consent to the representation and specify its scope and limitations.

Pursuant to such form, and within the scope of representation specified therein, the legal representative shall undertake the prescribed procedures before the Competent Committee on behalf of the asylum seeker.

Executive Regulations: Chapter Two – Procedures for Submitting Asylum Applications: Asylum Applications in Cases of Unlawful Entry

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Article (5):

Any person who enters the Arab Republic of Egypt unlawfully and meets the substantive requirements for asylum seeker status shall voluntarily submit his application to the Competent Committee no later than forty-five days from the date of his entry.

The application shall be deemed to have been submitted within the prescribed period unless the Competent Committee, in coordination with the relevant authorities, establishes otherwise.

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Executive Regulations: Chapter Two – Procedures for Submitting Asylum Applications: Data and Documents Required for an Asylum Application

Article (6):

An asylum application shall be submitted together with the following data and documents:

First – Basic Personal Data of the Asylum Seeker:

- Full name.
- Date and place of birth.
- Sex.
- Nationality or nationalities held.
- Marital status.
- Names of the spouse and accompanying children, if any.
- Religion and race.
- Address of the last place of residence in the country of nationality or habitual residence.
- Place of residence within the Arab Republic of Egypt and available contact details.
- Passport or travel document number, if any.
- Date of entry into the Arab Republic of Egypt.
- Languages understood by the asylum seeker.

Second – Personal and Identity Documents (If Available):

- Passport or travel document.
- National identity card or any official document establishing identity.
- Birth certificate.

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- Marriage certificate, if married.

- Documents evidencing education or employment, such as educational qualification certificates or certificates of professional experience.

Third – Data, Information, and Documents Relating to the Asylum Application:

- A comprehensive and detailed explanation of the reasons and grounds for seeking asylum, supported by any available evidence or documents substantiating the application, such as evidence of persecution or threats, arrest or detention documents, photographic materials, or any other relevant visual or written evidence.

- A statement identifying the countries of which the asylum seeker is a national or in which he has habitually resided.

- A statement concerning the asylum seeker's physical health, psychological condition, and social circumstances, specifying any special needs he may have.

- Information concerning any previous asylum applications submitted in the Arab Republic of Egypt or any other country, indicating whether the asylum seeker has previously been granted refugee status or any form of international protection in another country and the reasons for the termination of such protection, if applicable.

- A declaration indicating whether the asylum seeker has been refused entry into any country or has previously been removed or deported therefrom, together with the relevant reasons and circumstances.

- Any documents or evidence relating to the travel route from the country of nationality or habitual residence to the Arab Republic of Egypt, including periods of residence in other countries prior to arrival, such as travel tickets, visas, residence permits, and any documents issued by the authorities of other countries concerning entry, departure, or border crossings, if available.

- A statement identifying the asylum seeker's relatives and specifying those residing within the Arab Republic of Egypt, in accordance with the form prepared by the Competent Committee for this purpose.

Fourth – Declarations Accompanying the Asylum Application:

- A declaration confirming the accuracy and authenticity of all submitted documents and data.

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- A declaration undertaking to reside at the address specified in the asylum application and to notify the Competent Committee immediately of any change in the place of residence or any contact details.

- A declaration designating the place of residence and contact details stated in the asylum application as the elected address for service of all notices and notifications relating to the application.

- A declaration undertaking to notify the Competent Committee immediately upon the asylum seeker's acquisition of a new nationality or where he is granted refugee status or any form of international protection in another country.

- A declaration consenting to the processing of personal data contained in the asylum application and supporting documents, to the extent necessary for purposes relating to the examination of the asylum application, management of the applicant's file, and coordination with the competent authorities and institutions to provide care and support, all in accordance with the provisions of the Law and these Executive Regulations and subject to compliance with the legally prescribed rules governing confidentiality and personal data protection.

- A declaration confirming that the asylum seeker has not committed any serious crimes prior to entering the Arab Republic of Egypt, joined any terrorist entities within the Arab Republic of Egypt in accordance with the provisions of Law No. 8 of 2015 concerning the Regulation of Lists of Terrorist Entities and Terrorists, committed crimes against peace, crimes against humanity, or war crimes, committed any acts contrary to the purposes and principles of the United Nations, or carried or used weapons in unlawful acts of armed violence.

- A declaration acknowledging that the asylum seeker has been informed of his rights and obligations, the legal consequences arising from any breach of such obligations, and the procedures applicable to his application under the Law and these Executive Regulations. Such acknowledgment shall be made after the asylum seeker has reviewed the relevant provisions in Arabic or after they have been translated into a language he understands if he is not proficient in Arabic or read aloud to him if he is unable to read or has a visual disability.

Fifth – Application for Temporary Residence:

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An application for temporary residence pending determination of the asylum application shall be submitted in accordance with the rules prescribed under Law No. 89 of 1960 concerning the Entry and Residence of Foreigners in the Territories of the Arab Republic of Egypt and Their Departure Therefrom.

In all cases, the asylum seeker shall submit any original documents available to him, or the best available copies thereof, supporting his identity or the information provided in his application in accordance with the provisions of this Article.

Where the asylum seeker is unable to submit any such documents, he shall provide the reasons and justifications for their loss, misplacement, or unavailability, and such statement shall be recorded in the asylum application file.

Executive Regulations: Chapter Three – Procedures for Receiving and Examining Asylum Applications: Reception Procedures

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Article (7):

The Competent Committee, with the assistance of its Technical Secretariat, shall receive and classify asylum applications in accordance with the following procedures:

Reception of Asylum Seekers: The Technical Secretariat of the Competent Committee shall receive asylum seekers and conduct initial registration interviews with them. Such interviews shall include verification of identity, recording of basic personal data, receipt of the documents and supporting materials referred to in Article (6) of these Executive Regulations, signing of declarations relating to the asylum application, and recording of initial statements concerning the asylum seeker's physical health, psychological condition, social circumstances, and any special or urgent needs.

The following shall be observed during reception procedures:

(a) Providing asylum seekers with comprehensive initial information and guidance concerning the procedures followed in examining their applications, their rights and obligations, the legal consequences of failure to comply with such obligations or cooperate with the competent authorities, as well as the procedures and time limits for submitting grievances and appeals.

(b) Directing asylum seekers to the relevant departments within the Competent Committee.

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(c) Respecting the privacy and human dignity of asylum seekers throughout all stages of reception.

(d) Ensuring, to the extent possible, the availability of a sufficient number of female staff members within reception and registration teams to facilitate appropriate handling of cases requiring such arrangements.

Registration of Biometric Data: The biometric data of an asylum seeker shall be recorded upon reception, following notification of the nature of such data, the purpose of its collection, and the authorities authorized to access it.

Registration of Asylum Applications: The Technical Secretariat of the Competent Committee shall register an asylum application as of the date of its receipt from the asylum seeker or his legal representative, provided that the documents and data specified in Article (6) of these Executive Regulations have been duly submitted.

Medical Examination: An asylum seeker shall undergo an initial medical examination within thirty days from the date of registration of his application, for the purpose of assessing his physical and psychological health needs.

Before conducting the examination, the asylum seeker or his legal representative shall be informed of its nature, purpose, and procedures, while ensuring respect for the asylum seeker's privacy, human dignity, and confidentiality of personal data throughout all stages of the examination.

Classification: Applications shall be examined and classified according to the categories of asylum seekers, identifying those who fall within the Priority Groups, children, or other categories requiring immediate referral to the competent authorities for the adoption of necessary measures to ensure the provision of appropriate support, care, protection, and services.

Where there is serious doubt concerning the age of an asylum seeker suggesting that he may be a child, he shall provisionally be treated as a child, and the safeguards prescribed for children shall apply until his age is verified in accordance with the procedures stipulated in Item (4) of Article (11) of these Executive Regulations.

Where the Competent Committee considers it necessary for determining an application, it may request the asylum seeker to provide clarifications, data, or supporting documents relating to his asylum application, provided that the notification addressed to him specifies the required information or documents and the period granted for their submission.

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Article (8):

The Competent Committee shall ensure, where necessary, the availability of free legal assistance to asylum seekers throughout all stages of the asylum application procedures.

The Competent Committee shall also take into consideration the humanitarian, health, and social circumstances of asylum seekers throughout all stages of the examination and assessment of asylum applications.

With respect to children, the best interests of the child shall be a primary consideration in all procedures and decisions undertaken by the Competent Committee concerning the child. The child's views shall be taken into consideration in a manner appropriate to his age and level of maturity, and measures shall be adopted to ensure confidentiality, data protection, and the provision of information for the child in a language he understands and in an appropriate manner.

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Article (9):

A personal interview shall be conducted with the asylum seeker by a competent officer trained in assessing the statements provided by asylum seekers and preparing the necessary reports thereon.

During the interview, the asylum seeker shall enjoy the following rights:

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- To be afforded the opportunity to fully explain the reasons for his application and provide information and evidence concerning his personal circumstances and the conditions prevailing in the country of his nationality or habitual residence from which he departed.

- To be provided with a qualified interpreter proficient in a language understood by the asylum seeker.

- To submit any additional documents or information supporting his application.

An official record of the interview shall be prepared, and a copy thereof shall be read aloud to the asylum seeker in Arabic or in any language he understands through a qualified interpreter.

The record shall be signed by the competent officer who conducted the interview, the asylum seeker, and the interpreter, if any.

The personal interview may be audio-recorded or video-recorded, provided that the asylum seeker is notified in advance of such recording and the scope of its intended use.

Where necessary, additional personal interviews may be conducted with the asylum seeker if required to enable him to complete or adequately clarify his statements or to establish matters relating to the substantive grounds on which his application is based.

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Article (10):

Priority Groups shall be given precedence in the examination and assessment of asylum applications. The following shall be observed when dealing with such groups:

- Granting them priority in registration procedures, including the submission of asylum applications and the recording of initial data, in accordance with the forms prepared by the Competent Committee for this purpose, based on the asylum seeker's statement that he falls within one of the Priority Groups.

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- Classifying asylum seekers within the Priority Groups based on a medical, psychological, and social assessment conducted within a maximum period of forty-five days from the date of submission of the asylum application. Such persons shall be referred to the department responsible for these cases to determine their need for special arrangements and to ensure priority in examination and assessment procedures. Reassessment may be conducted if their circumstances change.

- Granting them priority in scheduling personal interviews.

- Taking their physical health, psychological, and social needs into consideration throughout all stages of the asylum application procedures, based on the statements and information provided by the asylum seeker.

- Providing free legal assistance or legal representation where appropriate, particularly for unaccompanied children and people with disabilities.

- Immediately referring them to the competent care providers responsible for case management where there are indications that they require protection or are exposed to risks.

- Notifying the independent national councils in cases involving asylum seekers who fall within the respective areas of competence of such councils, for the purpose of coordinating appropriate support and care for asylum seekers.

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Article (11):

Where an asylum application is submitted by an unaccompanied child or his legal representative, the Competent Committee shall follow the procedures set out below:

- The application shall include the child's basic personal data, supported by any available documents or evidence, and the child shall be exempted from submitting any documents that cannot reasonably be obtained.

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- The personal interview shall be conducted in a safe and quiet environment by a competent officer trained in child protection and dealing with children, in the presence of the child's legal representative and, where necessary, an interpreter proficient in a language understood by the child.

The child may request the attendance of a person whom he trusts, without such person acquiring the capacity of a legal representative.

The child shall be guaranteed the right to freely express his views in a manner appropriate to his age and maturity.

The information and personal data provided during the interview shall be subject to the provisions of the aforementioned Personal Data Protection Law.

- The child shall be referred to competent care providers for a comprehensive assessment of his circumstances and the provision of immediate protection and physical and psychological healthcare pending determination of the asylum application.

Particular urgency shall be observed in making such referrals in the following circumstances:

(a) Where the child states that he has been subjected to physical abuse, assault, sexual exploitation, or any form of human trafficking during his journey from the country of his nationality or habitual residence to the Arab Republic of Egypt.

(b) Where concerns relating to the child's protection are identified in connection with his current social circumstances.

- The child's age shall be established through a birth certificate, passport, or any other official document.

Where such documents are unavailable, the Competent Committee shall refer the child to a competent medical authority, in accordance with the Child Law promulgated by Law No. 12 of 1996 and its Executive Regulations, for an assessment of his age.

The medical examination shall be conducted in a manner that respects the child's human dignity. Prior to the examination, the child or his legal representative must be informed of its nature, purpose, and potential consequences.

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The child shall be afforded the opportunity to receive assistance from a legal representative or a person whom he trusts throughout the age assessment procedures. Any uncertainty shall be interpreted in favor of the child.

- Temporary accommodation arrangements for the child shall be determined through the case management system, in coordination with the Ministry responsible for social solidarity, for the provision of alternative care pending determination of the asylum application, taking into consideration the placement of children in appropriate accommodation facilities.

- The best interests of the child shall be observed when examining the asylum application, with particular emphasis on identifying a durable solution that ensures the child's long-term protection, survival, and development needs, in accordance with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.
  7. Where the asylum application is approved, the competent care providers shall be notified to ensure the sustainable management of the child's case, with priority given to family tracing and the reunification of separated family members wherever possible.

Where family reunification is not possible, long-term guardianship or alternative care arrangements shall be made through the Ministry responsible for social solidarity, in accordance with the applicable laws, regulations, and decrees governing such arrangements.

Efforts shall be made to avoid separating siblings unless the best interests of the child require otherwise.

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Article (12):

The Competent Committee shall establish a case management system, in cooperation with the competent ministries and authorities, responsible for monitoring, assessing, providing care for, and following up on the circumstances of asylum seekers, particularly Priority Groups, in accordance with the provisions of the Law and these Executive Regulations.

The system shall include initial assessments, classification and identification of asylum seekers' needs, identification of Priority Groups, procedures for referral to the competent support and care authorities, arrangements for temporary accommodation or alternative care, provision of

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physical and psychological healthcare and social care, risk management, and continuous case monitoring.

Such measures shall ensure the provision of support and care to asylum seekers, the protection of their rights, and the realization of the best interests of children, subject to compliance with the legally prescribed rules governing data confidentiality.

Executive Regulations: Chapter Three – Procedures for Receiving and Examining Asylum Applications: Assessment of Asylum Seekers' Cases

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Article (13):

For the purpose of assessing asylum applications, the Competent Committee may, in coordination with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, collect the necessary information and data from available sources to verify the accuracy of the claims and facts stated by the asylum seeker and to ensure that an effective and fair decision is made in respect thereof.

The Technical Secretariat of the Competent Committee shall prepare a comprehensive report assessing the asylum seeker's circumstances and the credibility and factual accuracy of his statements in light of the documents and evidence submitted, as well as the conditions prevailing in the country of his nationality or habitual residence from which he departed.

Such report shall be prepared after obtaining the opinions of the relevant authorities to verify that none of the circumstances stipulated in Article (8) of the Law apply.

The report must be reasoned and shall include a recommendation concerning the acceptance or rejection of the application.

The Head of the Technical Secretariat shall submit the asylum application, the official record of the personal interview, and the case assessment report to the Competent Committee for determination in accordance with the provisions of the Law and these Executive Regulations.

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Article (14):

The Competent Committee shall determine an asylum application within a period not exceeding six months from the date of its submission where the asylum seeker entered the country lawfully. Where the asylum seeker entered the country unlawfully, the application shall be determined within one year from the date of its submission.

Priority shall be given to asylum applications submitted by Priority Groups in the examination and assessment procedures.

In family applications, the Competent Committee may issue a single decision covering the asylum seeker and his dependent family members included in the application, provided that the decision expressly identifies the names of all persons covered thereby and that the same grounds on which the decision is based apply to each of them.

This shall not apply where the Competent Committee determines that a particular family member has special circumstances requiring a separate decision, particularly where such person belongs to a Priority Group or where the best interests of the child so require.

The Competent Committee shall issue a reasoned decision either granting refugee status or rejecting the application.

The asylum seeker shall be notified of such decision within fifteen days from the date of its issuance, through the methods specified in Article (25) of these Executive Regulations, in Arabic or in any language understood by the asylum seeker, as the case may be.

Executive Regulations: Chapter Four – Decisions of the Competent Committee: Temporary Measures Pending Determination of the Application

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Article (15):

Pending determination of the asylum application, the Competent Committee may request the adoption of such measures and procedures as it deems necessary in respect of the asylum seeker for considerations relating to the protection of national security and public order, particularly the following:

- Requiring the asylum seeker to report periodically for the purpose of verifying his whereabouts, in accordance with the arrangements determined by the Competent Committee.

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- Requiring the asylum seeker to undergo periodic medical or psychological examinations where the Competent Committee determines that such examinations are necessary.

- Requiring the asylum seeker to immediately notify the Competent Committee of any change in his place of residence or contact details within a period not exceeding twenty-four (24) hours from the occurrence of such change.

Any such measure shall remain in force for a period of three months and may be renewed for further equivalent periods by a decision of the Competent Committee, pending determination of the asylum application.

The Competent Committee shall notify the asylum seeker of any measure adopted in respect of him through the methods specified in Article (25) of these Executive Regulations.

When applying any of the temporary measures prescribed under this Article, the measure shall be proportionate to the requirements and circumstances of the particular case, with due consideration given to the nature and needs of Priority Groups.

An asylum seeker may submit a grievance against such measures in accordance with the provisions of Article (19) of these Executive Regulations.

Executive Regulations: Chapter Four – Decisions of the Competent Committee: Withdrawal of Asylum Applications and Closure of Files

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Article (16):

The examination of an asylum application shall be terminated where the asylum seeker submits an express request to withdraw it. The Competent Committee shall record such withdrawal by a decision issued by it, resulting in the closure of the asylum seeker's file.

An asylum application shall be deemed withdrawn, and the procedures for its examination shall be terminated, where the asylum seeker fails to pursue the procedures relating to his application or is found to have implicitly abandoned it.

Such circumstances shall be deemed to exist in any of the following cases:

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- Where the asylum seeker refuses to provide the data or documents requested by the Competent Committee that are necessary for determining his application or fails to attend scheduled interviews or hearings without an excuse accepted by the Competent Committee.

- Where the asylum seeker cannot be contacted at his place of residence or through any of the contact details registered with the Competent Committee, following the issuance of at least two notifications separated by a period of not less than seven days, thereby rendering it impossible to continue examining his application.

- Where the asylum seeker violates the geographical restrictions imposed upon him pursuant to any prescribed temporary measures, thereby preventing the continuation of the procedures relating to his application, without notifying the Competent Committee or obtaining its prior authorization.

- Where the asylum seeker returns to the country of his nationality or habitual residence while the procedures for examining his application are ongoing.

In the circumstances stipulated in Items (1), (2), and (3) of the preceding paragraph, the Competent Committee shall notify the asylum seeker of the suspension of the examination of his application, specifying the reasons for such suspension.

Where the asylum seeker establishes, within fifteen days from the date of notification, that the grounds giving rise to the suspension resulted from circumstances beyond his control, and the Competent Committee accepts such grounds, the examination procedures shall resume from the stage at which they were suspended.

Otherwise, the Competent Committee shall issue a decision terminating the examination of the application and deeming it withdrawn.

Within three months from the date of issuance of the aforementioned decision of the Competent Committee, the asylum seeker may submit a request to reopen his file, stating the reasons that prevented him from pursuing the procedures relating to his application or resulted in its abandonment.

Where the Competent Committee accepts such reasons, the examination procedures shall resume from the stage at which they were suspended. However, the same asylum application file may not be reopened more than once.

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In all cases, the issuance of a decision withdrawing an application or deeming it withdrawn shall not prejudice the asylum seeker's right to submit a new application, in which case all procedures prescribed under these Executive Regulations shall apply.

Upon submission of the asylum application, the asylum seeker shall be informed of all his obligations and the legal consequences arising from the conduct and acts referred to in this Article.

The asylum seeker shall sign a declaration acknowledging his awareness thereof after reviewing such provisions in Arabic or after they have been translated into a language he understands if he is not proficient in Arabic.

The asylum seeker's file shall be closed, and the examination procedures shall be terminated, in the circumstances stipulated in the second paragraph of this Article, or upon the death of the asylum seeker or his acquisition of Egyptian nationality.

This shall not prejudice the continuation of the procedures for examining the asylum applications of the asylum seeker's family members in family applications.

Executive Regulations: Chapter Four – Decisions of the Competent Committee: Rejection of Asylum Applications

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Article (17):

The Competent Committee shall reject asylum applications where any of the following grounds exist:

First – Procedural or Formal Grounds:

An asylum application shall be rejected on procedural or formal grounds, without requiring substantive examination to determine whether the conditions for granting refugee status are satisfied, in any of the following circumstances:

- Where the application is submitted subsequent to an application previously determined by the Competent Committee, and the preliminary examination establishes that the asylum seeker has not submitted any new evidence or facts capable of changing the outcome of the application.

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- Where a dependent family member included in a family asylum application submits a separate application after having consented, in accordance with Item (Second) of Article (4) of these Executive Regulations, to the inclusion of his application in the family application submitted on his behalf, and no circumstances relating to his personal situation exist that justify the submission of an independent application.

- Where the application is submitted by a person who lacks the legal capacity or authority to represent the asylum seeker.

- Where it is established that the asylum seeker enjoys effective protection in another country, including where he has been granted refugee status or any other form of international protection.

Second – Substantive Grounds:

An asylum application shall be rejected where the substantive examination of the application and its circumstances establishes that it is not based on facts or grounds justifying the granting of refugee status in accordance with the provisions of the Law and these Executive Regulations, in any of the following circumstances:

- Where it is established that the application is not based on a reasonable ground arising from a well-founded fear in the country of the asylum seeker's nationality or habitual residence, within the meaning of the definition of a refugee under the provisions of the Law and these Executive Regulations.

- Where the asylum seeker's account contains material contradictions or ambiguities, lacks essential details, is inconsistent with generally known facts, or conflicts with reliable and available objective information concerning the country of his nationality or habitual residence.

- Where the asylum seeker submits forged or falsified documents, deliberately conceals his identity or nationality, or provides false or misleading information concerning material elements of the application.

- Where it is established that the circumstances upon which the asylum application was based have ceased to exist and that the asylum seeker can safely return to the country of his nationality or habitual residence.

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- Where it is established that the asylum seeker can reside in another part of his country without being subjected to persecution and can reasonably return to reside there without undue hardship.
- Where the asylum seeker holds the nationality of more than one country and has not established his inability to avail himself of the protection of any of those countries.
- Where any of the circumstances stipulated in Article (8) of the Law apply to the asylum seeker.

Executive Regulations: Chapter Four – Decisions of the Competent Committee: Notification of Decisions of the Competent Committee

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Article (18):

A refugee or asylum seeker, as the case may be, shall be notified of decisions issued by the Competent Committee immediately upon their issuance, through the methods specified in Article (25) of these Executive Regulations, in Arabic or in any language understood by the person concerned.

Where a decision is issued rejecting an asylum application, confirming its withdrawal, deeming it withdrawn, revoking refugee status, refusing its renewal, or terminating asylum in accordance with the provisions of the Law and these Executive Regulations, the Competent Committee shall notify the Competent Ministry within fifteen days from the expiry of the time limits for submitting grievances specified in Article (19) of these Executive Regulations or from the date of rejection of a grievance against any of the aforementioned decisions, as the case may be.

Such notification shall include a request to undertake the necessary procedures for the removal of the person concerned from the country, in accordance with the provisions of Law No. 89 of 1960 concerning the Entry and Residence of Foreigners in the Territories of the Arab Republic of Egypt and Their Departure Therefrom.

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Executive Regulations: Chapter Four – Decisions of the Competent Committee: Grievances Submitted to the Competent Committee

Article (19):

Without prejudice to the right of access to the courts, an asylum seeker may, where a decision is issued rejecting his application, deeming it withdrawn, revoking his refugee status, refusing its renewal, or terminating asylum, submit a grievance to the Competent Committee within fifteen days from the date on which he is notified of the decision.

The asylum seeker may attach to his grievance any additional documents or information that he considers supportive of his application.

The Competent Committee shall determine the grievance within a period not exceeding thirty days from the date of its submission.

The person submitting the grievance shall be notified of the decision issued thereon through the methods specified in Article (25) of these Executive Regulations.

Executive Regulations: Chapter Four – Decisions of the Competent Committee: Challenges Against Decisions of the Competent Committee

Article (20):

Decisions issued by the Competent Committee pursuant to the provisions of the Law may be challenged before the Administrative Court of the State Council.

Executive Regulations: Chapter Five – Rights and Obligations of Refugees and Asylum Seekers: Rights of Refugees

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Article (21):

The Competent Committee shall coordinate with the State's administrative authorities to ensure the provision of all forms of support, care, and services to refugees as prescribed under the Law and these Executive Regulations.

Executive Regulations: Chapter Five – Rights and Obligations of Refugees and Asylum Seekers: Refugees' Right to Healthcare

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Article (22):

Refugees shall have the right to receive the same preventive and curative healthcare services and basic healthcare provided to Egyptian citizens, including medical and laboratory examinations, maternity care, pregnancy examinations, family planning services, all essential vaccinations, disease vector control, basic life-saving emergency services, and all medical services provided to patients attending hospital medical departments.

The Minister responsible for health affairs shall issue the necessary decrees in this regard.

The Competent Committee shall coordinate with the competent administrative authorities and relevant international entities to facilitate and support refugees' access to appropriate healthcare in accordance with the provisions of this Article.

Executive Regulations: Chapter Five – Rights and Obligations of Refugees and Asylum Seekers: Services and Support for Asylum Seekers

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Article (23):

The Competent Committee shall coordinate with the competent administrative authorities, civil society organizations, local institutions, foreign countries, and relevant international organizations to facilitate and support asylum seekers' access to appropriate preventive and curative healthcare, basic healthcare, and all essential humanitarian and social services, particularly the enrollment of children in basic education.

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Article (24):

An asylum seeker shall comply with all obligations imposed on refugees under the provisions of the Law and shall also comply with the following:

- Attend on the dates specified by the Competent Committee throughout all stages of the examination and assessment procedures relating to his application.
- Notify the Competent Committee before departing from the country and immediately upon returning thereto, as the case may be.
- Reside in care facilities, safe accommodation, or other alternative arrangements determined by the Ministry responsible for social solidarity, pursuant to a decision issued by the Competent Committee, in cases where such arrangements are necessary. The asylum seeker shall comply with the regulations governing residence in such facilities and accommodation, as issued by the aforementioned Ministry.
- Notify the Competent Committee in writing of any change in his personal data or personal or legal circumstances relevant to the asylum application within a period not exceeding seven days from the date of such change, particularly the following:
- Any change in the marital status or actual circumstances of family members included in the asylum application.
- The acquisition of a new nationality or the granting of refugee status or any other form of international protection in another country.
- The emergence of new evidence or documents relating to the asylum application.
- The initiation of any criminal proceedings against him within the Arab Republic of Egypt.

A notification shall be deemed valid and shall produce its legal effects from the date of its submission at the headquarters of the Competent Committee or through any notification method determined by the Competent Committee.

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Article (25):

A refugee or asylum seeker shall specify a place of residence within the Arab Republic of Egypt, and such address shall be deemed his elected domicile for the service of all procedures, decisions, or measures issued in respect of him.

In addition to his place of residence, he may specify contact details, such as a mobile telephone number, email address, registered email address, or any other means of communication accepted by the Competent Committee.

A refugee or asylum seeker shall notify the Competent Committee of any change in his place of residence, contact details, or the particulars of his legal representative, as the case may be, within a period not exceeding seven days from the date of such change, using the form prepared by the Competent Committee for this purpose.

Service of a notice shall be deemed valid and shall produce its legal effects where it is directed to the place of residence or through any of the contact methods registered with the Competent Committee, unless the refugee or asylum seeker establishes that he was unable to receive it for reasons beyond his control.

Where members of the same family submit a family asylum application and share the same place of residence, the Competent Committee may consolidate the notification and address it to the person who submitted the family application on their behalf, provided that the notification expressly states the names of all persons covered by the relevant decision, procedure, or measure.

Where a legal representative is appointed for a refugee or asylum seeker in accordance with the provisions of the Law and these Executive Regulations, a notification addressed to the legal representative shall be deemed equivalent to notification of the refugee or asylum seeker himself and shall produce all its legal effects from the date on which the legal representative is notified.

The Competent Committee shall inform the refugee or asylum seeker of the provisions of this Article and their legal consequences upon submission of the asylum application or upon issuance or renewal of the refugee document.

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The refugee or asylum seeker shall sign an acknowledgment confirming his awareness of, and commitment to comply with, the provisions of this Article, after reviewing them in Arabic or after they have been translated into a language, he understands if he is not proficient in Arabic.

Executive Regulations: Chapter Six – Temporary Measures: Temporary Measures in Times of War, for Counterterrorism Purposes, or in Exceptional Circumstances

Article (26):

In times of war, in the context of implementing legally prescribed counterterrorism measures, or in the event of serious or exceptional circumstances, the Competent Committee may request the adoption of such temporary measures and necessary procedures as it deems appropriate in respect of an asylum seeker for considerations relating to the protection of national security and public order, particularly the following:

- Requiring the asylum seeker to report periodically for the purpose of verifying his whereabouts, in accordance with the arrangements determined by the Competent Committee.
- Restricting the asylum seeker's residence to a specified place, area, or geographical zone.
- Prohibiting the asylum seeker from entering certain areas or governorates, particularly border areas.
- Requiring the asylum seeker to obtain prior authorization to travel between governorates or to travel outside the Arab Republic of Egypt.
- Postponing determination of the asylum application until the exceptional circumstances have ceased to exist.

Any such measure shall remain in force for a period of three months and may be renewed for further equivalent periods by a decision of the Competent Committee until the exceptional circumstances have ceased to exist.

The Competent Committee shall notify the asylum seeker of any measure adopted in respect of him through the methods specified in Article (25) of these Executive Regulations.

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An asylum seeker may submit a grievance against such measures in accordance with the provisions of Article (19) of these Executive Regulations.

Executive Regulations: Chapter Six – Temporary Measures: Proportionality in the Imposition of Temporary Measures

Article (27):

When applying any of the temporary measures stipulated in this Chapter, such measures shall be proportionate to the requirements and circumstances of the particular case, with due consideration given to the nature and needs of Priority Groups.

Executive Regulations: Chapter Seven – Procedures for Issuing and Renewing Documents: Asylum Seeker Registration Card

Article (28):

The Competent Committee shall issue a registration card to an asylum seeker immediately upon registration of his application in accordance with the provisions of these Executive Regulations. The card shall contain the following particulars:

- Name.
- Date and place of birth.
- Sex.
- Nationality.
- Passport number, if any.
- Date of entry.
- File number with the Competent Committee.
- Date of registration.

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- Date of issuance and expiry date of the card.
- Personal photograph.
- Serial number of the card.
- A statement indicating that the particulars contained in the card are based on information provided by the asylum seeker.

The card shall be valid for six months and may be renewed, provided that the asylum seeker submits a renewal application at least fifteen days before the expiry of its validity period.

The card shall serve as proof of registration of the asylum application with the Competent Committee and shall under no circumstances be considered a substitute for a passport or an official travel document.

Throughout the asylum procedures, the asylum seeker shall carry this card and present it whenever requesting any service or dealing with the Competent Committee or the relevant authorities.

The Competent Committee shall notify the Competent Ministry immediately upon issuance of the asylum seeker's registration card, for the purpose of issuing a temporary residence permit to him in accordance with the applicable rules in this regard.

Executive Regulations: Chapter Seven – Procedures for Issuing and Renewing Documents: Refugee Document

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Article (29):

The Competent Committee shall issue a document certifying refugee status immediately upon issuance of its decision approving the asylum application. The document shall contain the following particulars:

- Name.
- Date and place of birth.
- Sex.
- Nationality.

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- Passport number, if any.
- Date of entry.
- File number with the Competent Committee.
- Date on which refugee status was granted.
- Date of issuance and expiry date of the document.
- Personal photograph.
- Serial number of the document.

The document shall be valid for three years and may be renewed for further equivalent periods.

Executive Regulations: Chapter Seven – Procedures for Issuing and Renewing Documents: Renewal of Refugee Documents

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Article (30):

A refugee shall submit an application for renewal of his refugee document to the Competent Committee at least three months before its expiry date, using the form prepared by the Competent Committee for this purpose.

The Competent Committee shall conduct an examination to verify the continued existence of the circumstances that warranted the granting of refugee status and to ascertain that none of the circumstances stipulated in Articles (9) and (33) of the Law apply.

The Competent Committee shall issue a decision either approving the renewal of the refugee document or rejecting its renewal, whether due to the cessation of the circumstances on the basis of which refugee status was granted or the existence of any of the circumstances stipulated in Articles (9) or (33) of the Law.

Executive Regulations: Chapter Seven – Procedures for Issuing and Renewing Documents: Travel Document

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Article (31):

A refugee may submit an application to the Competent Committee to obtain a travel document, using the form prepared by the Competent Committee for this purpose.

Where the application is approved, the Competent Committee shall notify the Competent Ministry for the issuance of the travel document, in accordance with the provisions of Law No. 89 of 1960 concerning the Entry and Residence of Foreigners in the Territories of the Arab Republic of Egypt and Their Departure Therefrom.

The Competent Committee may, for reasons relating to national security or public order, decide not to grant the refugee a travel document.

Executive Regulations: Chapter Seven – Procedures for Issuing and Renewing Documents: Damage to or Loss of Documents

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Article (32):

In the event of loss of or damage to a registration card, refugee document, or travel document, as the case may be, the refugee, asylum seeker, or their legal representative, as applicable, shall notify the Competent Committee and the competent police station within a period not exceeding three days from the date of such loss or damage.

The refugee or asylum seeker, as the case may be, shall appear in person at the headquarters of the Competent Committee within a maximum period of one week from the date of loss of or damage to the document or card, to submit an application for the issuance of a replacement using the form prepared for this purpose. The application shall be accompanied by a written statement explaining the circumstances that resulted in the loss of or damage to the document or card.

The Competent Committee shall issue the replacement document or card within a period not exceeding ten days from the date of submission of the application.

Where the document or card is found after notification of its loss, its holder shall immediately notify the Competent Committee and surrender the document or card to it within a maximum period of three days.

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Executive Regulations: Chapter Eight – Termination of Asylum: Voluntary Return

Article (33):

A refugee shall have the right, at any time, to return voluntarily to the country of his nationality or habitual residence.

The Competent Committee shall coordinate with UNHCR and the country of the refugee's nationality or habitual residence, in coordination with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, to undertake the necessary procedures to facilitate his voluntary return.

The refugee shall submit a written application in this regard to the Competent Committee, which shall conduct a personal interview with him to verify that his desire to return is based on his free and informed will, after informing him of all the consequences arising from such return, based on the information available to the Competent Committee.

Following his return, the refugee may submit an application to reopen his asylum file at any time. The Competent Committee shall determine such application in accordance with the procedures prescribed under these Executive Regulations.

Executive Regulations: Chapter Eight – Termination of Asylum: Resettlement

Article (34):

The Competent Committee may, in coordination with the competent international entities, particularly UNHCR, undertake the necessary procedures to resettle a refugee in another country other than the country from which he departed.

The Competent Committee shall examine and assess the data and information available to it concerning the refugee to determine his eligibility to apply for resettlement procedures, taking into consideration the following:

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- The person must have refugee status in accordance with the provisions of the Law and these Executive Regulations.
- The country in which the refugee is to be resettled must be different from the country from which he departed.
- Official approval must have been issued by the receiving country for the admission and resettlement of the refugee.
- Family unity must be ensured, minors must not be separated from their families, and efforts must be made to reunite family members wherever possible.
- Any special needs relating to physical or psychological healthcare, social care, or any other considerations requiring priority to be given to Priority Groups must be taken into account.

Executive Regulations: Chapter Eight – Termination of Asylum: Termination of Asylum

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Article (35):

Asylum shall terminate in any of the following circumstances:

- The voluntary return of the refugee to the country of his nationality or, if he does not hold the nationality of that country, to the country of his habitual residence.
- The resettlement of the refugee in another country other than the country from which he departed, in accordance with the provisions of Article (34) of these Executive Regulations.
- The acquisition by the refugee of Egyptian nationality through naturalization. Refugee status shall cease to apply to him as of the date of issuance of the decision granting him nationality.
- The refugee's voluntary re-availment of the protection of the country of his nationality, by requesting or accepting the protection of that country in any manner whatsoever.

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- The refugee's voluntary reacquisition of a nationality previously lost and his enjoyment of the protection of the country of that nationality. The refugee shall notify the Competent Committee immediately upon reacquiring such nationality.

- The refugee's acquisition of a new nationality other than Egyptian nationality and his enjoyment of the protection of the country of that nationality. The refugee shall notify the Competent Committee immediately upon acquiring such nationality.

- Where the refugee can no longer continue to refuse the protection of the country of his nationality or residence due to the cessation of the circumstances that gave rise to asylum, as determined by the Competent Committee on the basis of the information available to it.

- The refugee's departure from the Arab Republic of Egypt for a continuous period of six months without an excuse accepted by the Competent Committee. Each case shall be assessed individually, and acceptable excuses for the purposes of this Item shall include medical treatment, education, or circumstances of force majeure as determined by the Competent Committee.

The Competent Committee shall issue a decision terminating asylum within fifteen days from the date on which any of the circumstances referred to in the first paragraph of this Article occurs. Pursuant to such decision, any documents issued to the refugee in accordance with the provisions of these Executive Regulations shall be cancelled.

Except for the circumstances stipulated in Items (1) and (3) of the first paragraph of this Article, the Competent Committee shall notify the Competent Ministry within fifteen days from the expiry of the time limits for submitting grievances specified in Article (19) of these Executive Regulations or from the date of rejection of a grievance against the aforementioned decision, as the case may be, requesting the adoption of the necessary procedures for the removal of the refugee from the country, in accordance with the provisions of Law No. 89 of 1960 concerning the Entry and Residence of Foreigners in the Territories of the Arab Republic of Egypt and Their Departure Therefrom.

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