

## Appendix A: Refugee Acceptance Rates

The following table provides figures on the number of asylum seekers who were granted Convention Refugee status, the number rejected, and the percentage accepted in the principal countries granting permanent resettlement to asylum seekers. The statistics are based on the data in the United Nations High Commission for Refugees publication *2003 Global Refugee Trends*.

### Acceptance Rates of Refugee Claimants in 2003

Receiving country	Total of claims accepted and rejected	Claims accepted	Claims rejected	Percentage of claimants accepted as Convention Refugees (%)	Population in mid-2004 (millions)
Australia	12,633	1,099	11,534	9.5	19.9
Austria	7,035	2,084	4,951	8.2	8.1
Belgium	7,039	1,384	5,655	10.3	10.3
Canada	35,675	17,682	17,993	49.6	32.5
Denmark	5,996	724	5,272	12.0	5.4
Finland	1,160	8	1,152	0.7	5.2
France	99,108	13,167	85,941	13.3	60.4
Germany	66,138	3,136	63,002	4.7	82.4
Ireland	10,640	1,195	9,445	1.2	4.0
Italy	3,832	625	3,207	16.3	58.7
Netherlands	22,064	1,127	20,937	5.1	16.3
New Zealand	1,434	137	1,297	9.5	4.0
Norway	9,217	577	8,640	6.3	4.6
Spain	2,588	238	2,350	10.1	40.3
Sweden	35,498	648	34,850	1.8	9.0
Switzerland	23,512	2,641	20,871	1.2	7.5
UK	123,931	19,711	104,220	5.9	60.3
USA	74,381	24,036	50,345	32.3	293.0
Totals	541,881	90,219	451,662		721.9

#### COMMENTS

a) Canada's acceptance rate of 49.6 percent compares with an average of 16.6 percent for all the countries listed above. If Canada's totals are not included, the approval rate for the remaining 17 countries is 14.3 percent. Canada's acceptance rate in 2003 was, therefore, almost three-and-a-half times the average rate of the other countries.

b) Canada's share of the population of the above countries is 4.5 percent. Our share of asylum seekers who were granted permanent resettlement as Convention refugees in these countries was 22 percent, i.e., on a per capita basis, we accepted almost five times the average of all the countries in the above table.