

Getting to know Refugee Act, 2024



Purpose

The purpose of Refugee Act, 2024 is to modernize the Democratic Republic of the Congo's refugee law to align with the 1951 Geneva Convention, 1967 Protocol, and 1969 OAU Refugee Convention.

Key Institutions

Refugee Act, 2024 would create a Directorate for Refugees, a National Refugee Eligibility Subcommittee, and a Refugee Appeals Subcommittee.

Foundation

The foundation for the creation of Refugee Act, 2024 is that granting refugee status is a peaceful and humanitarian act and that refugees should be afforded certain rights.

The Current Law

The current refugee law in the Democratic Republic of the Congo is Law No. 021/2002. Refugee Act, 2024 would serve as a replacement to the current law, providing key updates.