



Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016

The Honorable John McCallum, P.C., M.P.  
Immigration, Refugees, Citizenship Canada  
365 Laurier Ave. West  
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**Dear Hon. Minister John McCallum,**

There are thousands of people who have been waiting for many years in Canada in the refugee claim process to have their claims heard by IRB. While waiting they have had the opportunity to integrate themselves in their community's and adopt the Canadian way of life and conventions. CAPIC believes that these people and their families deserve resolution to their claims so that they can move on with their lives. The bench mark of our judicial system includes fair and timely process which the later appears to be eluding these refugees.

Consequently, CAPIC fully supports the Canadian Council for Refugees Recommendation for Regularization of the status of these refugees. The recommendations for legacy claimants as set out by the CCR are the following:

1. That a regulatory class be created for legacy claimants
2. That legacy claimants be landed if they apply and meet minimum requirements
3. That applicants for this class not be required to withdraw their claims

These recommendations would not only set out a positive precedent, albeit, they would also be advantageous for Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada. Implementing the recommendations above would yield great benefits for IRB directly and IRCC indirectly by eliminating the inventory of legacy cases, allow the families of the refugees to be reunited, integrated and contribute fully to the Canadian economy. Additionally, they would save the Immigration and Refugee Board resources to utilize elsewhere.

CAPIC commends the efforts of the Government of Canada in fast tracking the Syrian refugees' resettlement to Canada and we hope the Honorable Minister will favourably consider the CCR resolution and proposal to resolve the outstanding inventory of legacy cases at IRB. We look forward to supporting and working collaboratively with IRCC, CCR, and the IRB in ensuring the recommendations noted above are implemented and our shared desire to see continual improvements in the system.

Sincerely,

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Cc: CCR, IRB