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Subject: CIREA meeting on civil-war refugees on 19 October 1994

Delegations will find attached proposals for the organization of the CIREA meeting on civil-war refugees on 19 October 1994; they are requested to indicate which of the proposed procedures, or which other procedures, they would prefer for the meeting.

There are basically two different ways in which the CIREA meeting on civil-war refugees planned by the Member States for 19 October 1994 could be organized:

1. The first would be to deal with and assess separately the situation and the Member States' recognition and repatriation practices for each of the countries in which there is civil war which have been selected for discussion, i.e. Angola, Liberia, Somalia and Sri Lanka. This could be followed by a comparative analysis to try and pinpoint differences in practice and the reasons for them. With this approach, the meeting could be organized in the way indicated in Annex 1.
2. An alternative approach would be based not only on descriptions of the situation and repatriation practices but also on the different types of civil war occurring in the countries of origin to be discussed. In the case of this approach, one way of organizing the meeting would be as set forth in Annex 2.

A. Angola

1. Outline of the civil-war situation
2. Recognition practice
3. Repatriation practice

B. Liberia

1. Outline of the civil-war situation
2. Recognition practice
3. Repatriation practice

C. Somalia

1. Outline of the civil-war situation
2. Recognition practice
3. Repatriation practice

D. Sri Lanka

1. Outline of the civil-war situation
2. Recognition practice
3. Repatriation practice

E. Comparison

A. Outline of the situation in the civil-war countries

1. Angola
2. Liberia
3. Somalia
4. Sri Lanka

B. Recognition practice

1. Civil war of a purely military nature
2. Anarchy
3. Civil war in which it is the aim of one party to physically annihilate those sectors of the civilian population considered to belong to the opposing party

C. Repatriation practice

1. Angola
2. Liberia
3. Somalia
4. Sri Lanka