

## **ATTACHMENT 1**

### **The content of boards for foreign nationals and stateless persons with information about possibility to apply for refugee status or complementary protection in the Republic of Belarus**

(for the purposes of their further placement at the Department on Citizenship and Migration of the MIA of the Republic of Belarus, citizenship and migration units of the Main Internal Affairs Department of the Minsk City Executive Committee and internal affairs departments of regional (oblast) executive committees, as well as in confinement centres, temporary detention facilities of internal affairs authorities or the other institutions of internal affairs authorities where foreign nationals or stateless persons are held)

Every person who escapes the persecution or violence has the right to apply for refugee status or complementary protection in the Republic of Belarus.

In the Republic of Belarus a foreign national or stateless person (hereinafter – foreigner) can be provided with one of the following forms of protection: refugee status or complementary protection.

You may be granted refugee status in the Republic of Belarus if you left your country because of persecution on the following grounds:

- political opinion
- race, nationality, citizenship
- religion
- membership in a particular social group

You may be granted complementary protection in the Republic of Belarus if there is a military conflict in your country and your life is under threat in case of return, or if you face threat of death penalty or torture in your home country. Complementary protection is granted for 1-year term maximum with the possibility of its extension.

You can lodge an application for refugee status or complementary protection in the Republic of Belarus to citizenship and migration unit of internal affairs authorities located in the region (oblast) where you are residing. If you stay in Minsk you can apply to Department on Citizenship and Migration of the Main Internal Affairs Department of the Minsk City Executive Committee. If you were detained for illegal stay on the territory of the Republic of Belarus, your application is received by citizenship and migration unit of internal affairs authority, in which territory you are detained.

As a rule, the application is reviewed within 6 (six) months. If it becomes clear that your application for protection is manifestly unfounded or abusive, it will be reviewed within the framework of accelerated procedure within 1 (one) month.

Application may be considered abusive if, for example, you had had an opportunity to submit an application for protection, but submitted it only after detention for illegal stay on

the territory of the Republic of Belarus; or you submitted it with the view of avoiding deportation or expulsion from the Republic of Belarus.

After lodging an application you will be interviewed. During the interview provide detailed answers to the question and, if you can, support your statements with the documents or other evidences.

Decision on your application for protection is made by the Department on Citizenship and Migration of the MIA of the Republic of Belarus (Department). A copy of the decision is handed over to you by a staff member of citizenship and migration unit. In case the decision can not be handed over to you, its copy will be mailed to you within 5 (five) working days counting from the date when the decision was made. You will be regarded as familiarized with the decision 3 (three) days counting from the moment when the copy of the decision was sent to you.

If you are denied refugee status or complementary protection you are able to appeal against the decision in the court. If your application for protection was reviewed within the framework of accelerated procedure, you can appeal against the decision of the Department during 7 (seven) days counting from the date when you were familiarized with the decision. In all the other instances your appeal can be submitted during 15 (fifteen) days counting from the date when you were familiarized with the decision.

If you do not have any other legal grounds to stay in the Republic of Belarus, you will have to leave the country.

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**United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Representation in the Republic of Belarus**

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