



To: Asylum applicant

Subject: Progress of your asylum procedure

Date: 18 November 2020

Dear Sir / Madam,

You applied for asylum some time ago and have been waiting for clarity on your future since then. As you know, the long wait was the reason we set up a Task Force. It had to complete the backlog of asylum applications at the IND (including yours) by the end of this year. We are sorry to inform you that we will not meet this goal this year.

**There is a high chance that you will not receive a decision from us this year**

The time the Task Force needs to decide on all 15,350 applications from before 1 April 2015 is unfortunately longer than hoped. This means that there is a high chance that you will not hear this year whether you can stay in the Netherlands. We are very aware that this is difficult for you. After all, you would like to know where you stand, so you can make plans for your future. Despite our employees' hard work, we have not yet been able to give you clarity. We are sorry for this.

**Deciding on your asylum application is still our most important goal**

It is still possible that you will receive an invitation from us this year. Your application may also still be decided on, because of course we will continue to work for the rest of the year. In 2021, the Task Force will also continue to decide on any remaining applications. We aim to complete these by mid-2021.

However, we must continue to follow the coronavirus measures. Fewer people can come to our locations than usual. If we have any coronavirus symptoms, we are not allowed to come to these locations - neither you nor our staff. If necessary, we will therefore reschedule appointments, because health and safety are the most important thing.

**Do you have any questions?**

For more information please visit [www.ind.nl](http://www.ind.nl).

Yours faithfully,

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