

**Question for written answer E-000915/2024
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Migration into French Guiana

'The first asylum seekers from Arab countries to arrive in the French *département* of Guiana [French Guiana] were Syrian refugees in 2015, of whom 90% saw their applications accepted. In 2021, Syrians and Palestinians (with 692 applications) represented 20.6% of asylum seekers. In 2022 they accounted for 30.2% (with 942 applications).'

'[...]The Minister responsible for the Overseas Territories [...] attributes this inflow – thirty or so asylum seekers are arriving daily – to the Brazilian humanitarian asylum process¹².'

In 2021, '53 Afghan citizens arrived in French Guiana and a further 191 in 2022, all via Brazil'.

According to the *préfet*, the cost of providing accommodation rose 'from EUR 1.8 million in 2019 to EUR 7.2 million last year'.

'Capacity for 1040 people in emergency accommodation and hotels, and a EUR 10.9 million budget' were planned for 2023.

France has a readmission agreement with Brazil³. How does the Commission intend to support France's efforts to broach the issue of the aforementioned humanitarian asylum process to the Brazilian authorities, given the effects stated previously on the migration situation in French Guiana?

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¹ Report: 'La Guyane, nouvelle destination des réfugiés venus des pays arabes' (French Guiana: A new destination for refugees from Arab countries), *Le Monde*, 19 January 2023

² 'A week before this report was filmed, he and his family managed to flee Afghanistan. After reaching Qatar, they took a flight to Brazil, which offers humanitarian visas to those fleeing areas deemed unstable, before flying to Macapá in the far north]. <https://www.tf1info.fr/international/reportage-document-immigration-illegale-c-est-la-route-la-plus-sure-la-guyane-nouvelle-porte-d-entree-des-migrants-afghans-et-syriens-vers-la-france-2283872.html>

³ Signed on 28 May 1996 and in force since 24 August 2001; https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/system/files/2022-10/EMN_INFORM_bilateral_readmission.pdf