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Dear Ms Medland, Dear Mr Flynn

Further to your two e-mails of 20th March 2013 requesting access to public information regarding numbers related to detention of immigrants please find below requested statistics.

- 1) **Please provide a complete list of the names and locations of all the facilities that currently are in use for the purpose of confining non-citizens in administrative detention for periods exceeding three days because of immigration-related reasons.**

Table 1: Guarded centres for foreigners in Poland:

| City | Address |
|-------------------|--|
| Przemyśl | ul. Mickiewicza 34, 37-700 Przemyśl |
| Kętrzyn | ul. Sikorskiego 78, 11-400 Kętrzyn |
| Biała Podlaska | ul. Dokudowska 19, 21-500 Biała Podlaska |
| Białystok | ul. Bema 100, 15-370 Białystok |
| Krosno Odrzańskie | ul. Poprzeczna 1, 66-600 Krosno Odrzańskie |
| Lesznowola | ul. Wojska Polskiego 143, 05-600 Grójec |

Moreover, under abovementioned addresses in Przemyśl and Białystok there are also expulsion arrests (characterized by increased discipline and security measures). Please note that all abovementioned facilities are managed by Border Guard within the system which is fully separated from prison system.

- 2) **Please provide the total number of people detained for immigration-related reasons during the years 2010, 2011, and 2012.**

2010 - 1515
2011 - 1109
2012 - 1416

The numbers above refer to persons detained by decision of the court both within expulsion or asylum procedure (for detailed information on exceptional circumstances allowing detention

of asylum seekers – see point 3). It does not include temporary detention imposed by Border Guard or Police for up to 72 hours. After that time foreigner must be either released or put in guarded centre by decision of the court. Below there are numbers regarding persons who were subject to such temporary detention by Border Guard.

Table 2: *Number of persons detained for up to 72 hours by Border Guard within expulsion or asylum procedure, 2010 - 2012*

| | Expulsion procedure | Asylum procedure |
|------|---------------------|------------------|
| 2010 | 4201 | 186 |
| 2011 | 3666 | 230 |
| 2012 | 2807 | 611 |

The Police unfortunately do not gather such statistics but the numbers are most probably not significant since in practice the Border Guard has overtaken vast majority of policing procedures regarding foreigners in Poland.

3) Please provide the total number of asylum seekers who were placed in detention during the years 2010, 2011, and 2012.

2010 - 175
2011 - 172
2012 – 557

The abovementioned list includes only foreigners detained by decision of the court after submitting asylum application. The numbers below indicate refugee applicants who submitted their application within guarded centres:

2010 – 184
2011 – 209
2012 - 206

Please note that detention of asylum seekers can be applied only if:

- there is a need to confirm their identity,
- there is a threat that the asylum procedure will be abused (practically: mainly repeated applications or Dublin transfers)
- there is a threat to life, safety or property of other people (including those in the open reception centre) or to the national security
- foreigner crossed the border illegally (with exceptions).

The vast majority of asylum seekers is not subject to detention.

The unaccompanied minor asylum seekers as well as applicants with disabilities and victims of violence and are not subject to detention.

The court can apply detention of the asylum seeker for maximum 60 days. If during that time there will be no final negative decision with order of expulsion, the foreigner must be released.

4) Please indicate how many minors (anyone under the age of 18) were placed in any form of immigration-related detention (including specialized detention centers,

secure shelters, secure reception centers, juvenile offender facilities) during the years 2010, 2011, and 2012.


- 5) Of the total number of minors placed in immigration-related detention during 2010, 2011, and 2012, how many were accompanied minors and how many were unaccompanied minors?

Table 3: Number of foreign minors put by decision of the court in guarded center for foreigner or in care and educational entities.

| | minors with family put in guarded centres for foreigners | unaccompanied minors put in guarded centres for foreigners | unaccompanied foreign minors put in care and educational entities (open entities, e.g. children's house) |
|-------------|---|---|---|
| 2010 | 269 | 1 | 15 |
| 2011 | 187 | 14 | 13 |
| 2012 | 111 | 16 | 50 |

On 31 December 2012 in Poland there were 46 minor foreigners present in the guarded centres for foreigners, including 1 unaccompanied minor.

Sincerely yours,

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