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Report of the Secretary-General

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QUESTIONNAIRE ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF MIGRANTS

1. According to Statistical Yearbook data on alien status published by the Ministry of the Interior, there were 538,984 foreign residents in Spain as of 31 December 1996. The breakdown of immigrants by country of origin is as follows:

Germany	45 898	Panama	428
Austria	2 566	Paraguay	502
Belgium	9 847	Peru	18 023
Denmark	5 107	Dominican Republic	17 845
Finland	3 131	Uruguay	4 028
France	33 134	Venezuela	6 634
United Kingdom	68 359	Canada	1 222
Greece	688	United States of America	15 661
Ireland	2 870	Others	336
Italy	21 362		
Luxembourg	171	Total, Americas	121 268
Netherlands	13 925		
Portugal	38 316	Algeria	3 706
Sweden	6 545	Egypt	690
		Libya	170
Total, European Union	251 919	Morocco	77 189
		Tunisia	410
Bosnia and Herzegovina	302	Angola	411
Bulgaria	973	Cape Verde	2 166
Croatia	224	Gambia	4 401
Hungary	230	Equatorial Guinea	2 096
Poland	3 172	Mauritania	519
Czech Republic	451	Nigeria	478
Romania	1 386	Senegal	3 575
Russian Federation	958	Others, Africa	16 655
Ukraine	240		
Federal Republic of Yugoslavia	842	Total, Africa	98 820
Others, eastern Europe	1 453		
Norway	3 253	Bangladesh	346
Switzerland	7 138	China	10 816
Turkey	340	South Korea	1 684
Others	1 200	Philippines	11 770
		India	6 882
Total, Europe	274 081	Iraq	321
		Iran	1 704
Argentina	18 246	Israel	292
Bolivia	955	Japan	2 998
Brazil	5 964	Jordan	582
Chile	5 936	Lebanon	987
Colombia	7 865	Pakistan	2 471
Costa Rica	332	Syria	908
Cuba	7 814	Taiwan	630
Ecuador	2 913	Thailand	285
El Salvador	925	Others, Asia	796
Guatemala	395		
Honduras	743	Total, Asia	43 471
Mexico	4 328		
Nicaragua	443		

Australia	799
New Zealand	124
Others, Oceania	6
Total, Oceania	929
Stateless persons	415

1.1 There are an estimated 1.8 million Spaniards residing abroad, principally in Mexico, Argentina, Chile, Germany and Switzerland.

1.2 The above-mentioned foreign residents are authorized to work in Spain.

1.3 There are estimated to be approximately 100,000 irregular immigrants in Spain, many of whom have taken advantage of the system of quotas established by the Government each year for the regularization of their status. A quota or ceiling of 25,000 was set in 1997 to regularize the status of illegal immigrants who had offers of employment.

2. Legal measures for the protection of immigrants:

Ratification of the 1954 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness on 12 May 1997;

Ministerial Order on the Reunification of Families of Immigrants;

Regulations to improve the conditions in internment centres;

Subsidies for a legal aid network.

2.1 Public information: Awareness-raising campaign against racism and xenophobia in 1997;

Drafting of the Forum for Integration of Immigrants White Paper.

2.2 Other measures: Establishment of the Forum for Immigration in the Autonomous Communities. Subsidy for the implementation of the Plan for Social Integration of Immigrants. Subsidies for non-governmental organizations.

3. According to press reports, there have been some manifestations of racism in the Almeria region (southern Spain), where large numbers of African immigrants live.

4. Spain has ratified the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, and International Labour Organization (ILO) Conventions Nos. 97 and 143 concerning the rights of immigrants.
