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Memorandum

TO: All Asylum Office Directors and Deputy Directors

FROM: Joseph E. Langlois /s/
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SUBJECT: Publication of *Information Guide for Prospective Asylum Applicants*

The purpose of this memorandum is to announce the release of the Asylum Division's new pamphlet entitled, *Information Guide for Prospective Asylum Applicants*. In the next few days, each of the eight Asylum Offices will receive approximately 500 copies of the pamphlet. While this initial distribution includes copies of the English language version of the pamphlet only, we are finalizing the translation of the pamphlet into each of the Asylum Division's ten most commonly encountered languages for future distribution as well.

The pamphlet, which is intended to serve as a practical resource for potential asylum applicants, contains an overview of the affirmative asylum program and a list of frequently asked questions about asylum eligibility and application procedures. Asylum Offices are encouraged to distribute the pamphlet at meetings with non-governmental organizations and to make the document available in waiting rooms or at inquiry windows as appropriate. HQ Asylum will also post the pamphlet to the USCIS Internet Website so that Asylum Offices and the public are able to download and print the pamphlet in color or in black and white, as needed.

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