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GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBIA

ACT

No. 1 of 2017

Date of Assent: 12th April, 2017

An Act to establish the office of the Commissioner for Refugees and provide for its functions; provide for the recognition, protection and control of refugees; provide for the rights and responsibilities of refugees; establish the Refugees Fund; domesticate the United Nations Convention relating to the Status of Refugees, 1951 and its Protocol of 1967, and the Organisation of African Unity Convention Governing the Specific Aspects of Refugees Problems in Africa, 1969; repeal and replace the Refugees (Control) Act, 1970; and provide for matters connected with, or incidental to, the foregoing.

[13th April, 2017]

ENACTED by the Parliament of Zambia.

Enactment

PART I

PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

1. This Act may be cited as the Refugees Act, 2017.
2. (1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—
 - “adverse effect” has the meaning assigned to it in the Environmental Management Act, 2011;
 - “asylum” means shelter and protection granted by the Government to persons seeking refugee status in accordance with the provisions of this Act;
 - “asylum seeker” means a person seeking refugee status in accordance with the provisions of this Act and whose refugee claim is not determined;

Short title

Interpretation

Act No. 12
of 2011