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Canada: Rescind Safe Third Country Agreement

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Recently signed Executive Orders in the United States demonstrate a total disregard for the rights of refugees. Crucial principles with respect to non-discrimination, *non-refoulement*, arbitrary arrest and imprisonment, fair trials and the rights of children are under threat.

The Canada-USA "Safe Third Country Agreement" assumes that both Canada and the United States respect refugee rights, and bars most refugees already in the United States from seeking protection in Canada.

The United States cannot be considered "safe" for the purposes of refugee protection. Access to asylum is seriously at threat; particularly for those detained under conditions which are cruel and punitive. Detainees frequently do not have meaningful access to legal counsel, and are impeded in launching a meaningful asylum claim.

I call on you to immediately rescind the designation of the United States as a 'safe third country.

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