

will be explicitly provided in the legislation for people arriving at entry points and who might need Canadian protection.

In its fifth report, Mr. Speaker, the Standing Committee on Labour, Employment and Immigration concluded that a second review of the merits of the application is not necessary. The superior quality of the hearing on the merits of the application, a hearing generally favourable to the claimant, makes a second review redundant. Instead, any person whose application is rejected by the refugee determination committee will have the right, if so authorized, to appeal to the Federal Court of Canada. Mr. Speaker, quality rather than quantity ensures fairness.

The current process does not work out well precisely because it provides for too many review levels. The proposed process will be far superior to the current practice and will be second to none worldwide. In addition provisions are made to re-open the case of people whose situation has changed. Finally, we must keep in mind that this refugee determination process will not be the only recourse available. This process has been established to take into consideration the generous provisions concerning the special re-examination of cases for humanitarian reasons, and Canada's policy is not to deport applicants to countries which are experiencing serious troubles or which violate human rights.

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Finally, as concerns visas for the Portuguese, a decision to remove the dispensation from a visitor's visa in the case of Portuguese citizens must not be taken lightly. The requirement for a visa is imposed only when we are convinced that there is no other solution.

After careful study of this problem with members of Cabinet and representatives of the Portuguese community, it was decided that it would not be appropriate to require a visa for the moment. There is no need for the Government to apologize for action which was never taken. Following discussions with representatives of the Portuguese community, a pilot project was implemented to help the immigrants to become more familiar with the process and reduce the risk of exploitation. The Government will continue to monitor the situation closely and will take other action if required to put an end to the abusive utilization of the refugee determination process. Thank you for your understanding, Mr. Speaker.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest):** The motion to adjourn the House is now deemed to have been adopted. Accordingly this House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 11 a.m., pursuant to Standing Order 3(1).

The House adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

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