

moderately successful agreement on readmission of rejected asylum applicants, and is considering others.

12. The "Informal Consultations" or "Intergovernmental Consultations on Asylum, Refugee and Migration Policies in Europe", which came into existence in 1985, has expanded to include 8 of the principal EC countries, 5 EFTA members, and the USA, Canada and Australia as the principal traditional countries of immigration, with a small secretariat under an ex-Swedish official Jonas Widgren, and with a now loose link to the UNHCR. It tries to serve as a bridge between EC and non-EC states in considering solutions to asylum and migration issues among like-minded states, for implementation in other fora; Canada is its current chair. Its present role and prospects are discussed in Sections XIV and XV.

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