

14. Proof of emotional dependency should not be necessary for family class members and assisted relatives. It should continue to be a criterion for acceptance of other close relatives on humanitarian and compassionate grounds.

CONCLUSION

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SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

11. Claimants with family who may be in danger should be processed in priority to other claimants and accepted. Their families should be notified in Canada as soon as possible. The government should enact the backlog regulations and begin the process of leading claimants who have been accepted as soon as possible. A claimant in the backlog who has relatives in Canada who see a Canadian citizen or permanent resident who would qualify the claimant as an assisted relative should be accepted on humanitarian and compassionate grounds.