INTERNATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS BY THE UNITED STATES TO SLOW ASYLUM APPLICANTS

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I. BACKGROUND

• A. Context

• B. Homeland Security Signs MOC on Border Security Cooperation with N. Triangle Countries While Trump Administration Cuts U.S. Assistance

• The MOC and the End of US Aid

• Threat to Close the Border
II. MIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENTS

A. U.S. Concludes Asylum Cooperation Agreements with Guatemala and Mexico

Guatemala
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Mexican Enforcement Surge
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Further Actions
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II. MIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENTS

• B. U.S.-Guatemala Asylum Cooperation Agreement
• C. U.S.-Honduras Asylum Cooperation Agreement
• D. U.S.-El Salvador Asylum Cooperation Agreement
III. US Will Send Mexican Asylum Seekers to Guatemala

- IV. Validity under International Law
- Requirements of “safe third country” principle
- EU’s Dublin Regulation
- Ilias and Ahmed v. Hungary (ECtHr, Nov. 21, 2019)
V. CIVIL SOCIETY SUIT AG ACAS

• Plaintiffs
• Allegations in the Complaint
• Relief Sought