

Refugee Status Determination in Latin America, Canada and the United States of America

Year	Country	Date of Ratification		Relevant regulations		Mechanisms for refugee status determination
		Year	Prof.	Immigration Law	Refugee Law	
1970	México	2000	2000	Great Law On Population (1974)		General Law on Population (Eligibility Committee)
1980	U.S.A	-	1968		Refugee Act (1980)	Title 8 of Federal Regulations Code (Dept of Homeland Security.)
	Dominican Republic	1978	1978		Executive Decrees N° 1569 y N° 2330 (1983)	Executive Decrees N° 1569 y N° 2330 (National Commission for Refugees)
	Belize	1990	1990		Refugee Act (1991)	Refugee Act (1991)
	Ecuador	1955	1969		Decree N° 3 301 (1992)	Decree N° 3.301
	Chile	1972	1972	Law N° 19.476 (1996)		(General Directorate for Refugees) Decree No. 1094 (Eligibility Commission)
1990	Brazil	1960	1972		Law N° 9 474 (1997)	Law N° 9.474 (National Commission for Refugees)
	Panama	1978	1978		Decree N° 23 (1998)	Decree N° 23 (National Commission for Refugees)
2000	Guatemala	1983	1983		Decree N° 383 (2001)	Decree No. 383 (National Commission for Refugees)
	Venezuela	-	1986		Law on Asylum and Refugees (2001)	Law on Asylum and Refugees (National Commission for Refugees)
	Colombia	1961	1980		Decree N° 2 450 (2002)	Decree N° 2.450 (Advisory Commission on Refugee Status Determination)
	El Salvador	1983	1983		Law N° 918 (2002)	Law N° 918 (National Commission for Refugees)
	Paraguay	1970	1970		Law N° 1938 (2002)	Law N° 1938 (National Commission for Refugees)
	Peru	1964	1983		Law N° 27 891 (2002)	Law N° 27.891 (Special National for Refugees)
	Canada	1969	1969		Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (2002)	Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (Immigration and Refugee Board)
	Costa Rica	1978	1978	Ley N° 8.487 (2004)		Decree No. 32.195 (General Directorate on Migration)
	Honduras	1992	1992	Ley N° 208 (2004)		Ley N° 208 (General Directorate on Migration)
	Bolivia	1982	1982		Executive Decree N° 28.329 (2005)	Executive Decree N° 28.329 (National Commission for Refugees)
Uruguay	1970	1970		Law N° 18 076 (2006)	Law N° 18.076 (National Commission for Refugees)	
	1967	1967		Law N° 26 125 (2006)	Law N° 26.125 (National Commission for Refugees)	
	1980	1980		Law No 655 on Refugee Protection (2008)	Law on Refugee Protection (National Commission for Refugees)	