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INTEGRATION THROUGH EDUCATION

ANNEX 1

Immigrant vs. Refugee Comparison chart

	IMMIGRANT	REFUGEE
Definition	An immigrant is someone from a foreign country who relocates to live in another country. They may or may not be citizens.	Refugees move out of fear or necessity. For example, to flee persecution, or death threats due to their race, religion, ethnicity, political views or social group.
Legal Status	Immigrants are subject to the laws of their adopted country.	Defined by United Nations. Protected by international law (1951 Convention, 1967 Protocol, 1969 OAU Refugee Convention).
Reason of Relocation	Immigrants are usually driven by economic factors, or they want to be close to family.	Refugees are forced to relocate for reasons such as fear of persecution due to war, religion or political opinion.
Resettlement	Immigrants can usually travel freely and return to their country of origin.	Usually cannot return to one's own country because of the danger to be persecuted or death threats due to their race, religion, ethnicity, political views or social group. They might lose a status.