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NADRA issued PoR cards are a valid document after expiry date *No action will be taken against registered Afghans after 31 December 2009*

Registered Afghans living in Pakistan are informed that Pakistan's Ministry for States and Frontier Regions (SAFRON) has assured UNHCR that it will continue to extend its traditional hospitality to some 1.7 million registered Afghans after 31 December 2009 and Proof of Registration cards will be respected, till a decision on the modalities of the renewal of (PoR) card is taken.

"The Government of Pakistan informed UNHCR that the Ministry of SAFRON has submitted the Draft Management and Repatriation Strategy for Afghan Refugees in Pakistan (2010-2012) to the Prime Minister of Pakistan on 15 December and decision on it would be finalised soon. In the meantime there will be no action taken against registered Afghans after 31 December 2009," said a letter addressed to the UNHCR Representative in Islamabad on Wednesday, 30 December 2009.

The Government of Pakistan assured UNHCR that till the final decision by the Cabinet, the registered Afghan refugees - holding PoR cards - will be accorded due protection.

Minister of SAFRON has also requested Pakistan's Ministry of Interior to issue instructions to the Provincial Home Departments and other concerned authorities to ensure that the PoR card holders should not be harassed until the final decision on the draft strategy is taken.

For more information regarding PoR issues registered Afghans can contact UNHCR on the following phone numbers:

Registered Afghans can contact to the following hotlines for more information

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