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Dear Mr Ben Menashe

I refer to your application for refugee status in Australia.

A refugee is defined by the 1951 United Nations Convention relating to the Status of Refugees, as amended by the 1967 Protocol, as a person who:

"owing to well founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion, is outside the country of his nationality and is unable or, owing to such fear, is unwilling to avail himself of the protection of that country."

Your application has been assessed in terms of this definition and I have found that you do not meet the criteria. I have therefore decided to refuse the grant of refugee status to you.

You may seek a review of this decision by the Determination of Refugee Status Review Committee. This committee comprises representatives from the Department of Immigration, Local Government and Ethnic Affairs, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the Attorney General's Department and the Refugee Council of Australia. A representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees participates as an adviser to the Committee.

If you wish to exercise your right of review, you should do so within twenty eight (28) days of the date of receipt of this letter. You are deemed to have received this letter five (5) working days after the date of the letter.

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