

ASSISTED BY A LAWYER

Articles 32 and 41, Law 26.165

You have the right to be assisted by a lawyer in all stages of the proceedings

If you do not have a private lawyer, thanks to an agreement signed with the *National Commission for Refugees* (Comisión Nacional para los Refugiados - Co.Na.Re.) and the *United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees* (UNHCR), the **Office of the General Defender of the Nation** (Defensoría General de la Nación) will provide you, if you so wish, with legal assistance and representation in all stages of the proceedings, completely free of charge.

Lawyers of the Office of the General Defender of the Nation:

- They were selected through a **public selection process**, which guarantees their competence and suitability.
- They are specialized in **Migration Law** and **Refugee Law**.
- Apart from Spanish, they are fluent in **French** and **English**.
- They are **independent** from the National Commission for Refugees (Co.Na.Re. - *Comisión Nacional de Refugiados*) and the National Migration Office (DNM - *Dirección Nacional de Migraciones*).
- They will offer you **guidance** regarding your rights and obligations during the procedure.
- You will be assisted in writing the **initial letter** and filling in the **form** to request refugee status recognition.
- You will be accompanied throughout the **eligibility interview/s**
- You will be assisted in drafting the **legal submissions**.
- You will be assisted with the preparation and filing of any necessary administrative or judicial **appeals**.
- You will be advised about the options that the Migration Law offers to **regularize your migratory status** in the country and you will be assisted throughout the relevant procedures.

¿Do you wish to be assisted by a lawyer from the Office of the General Defender of the Nation?

YES **NO (*)**

(*) Bear in mind that if you choose not to be assisted by a lawyer at this time, you can always require the assistance at any later stage of the proceedings.

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