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Re: Request for a meeting to provide observations on the Law proposal on foreigners,  
*Frumvarp til laga um útlendinga*.

Dear Mr. Chairman,

UNHCR was recently informed that the law proposal on foreigners, *Frumvarp til laga um útlendinga*, was introduced by the Icelandic Ministry of Interior and forwarded to your esteemed Committee for further written and/or oral comments.

The UNHCR Regional Office for the Baltic and Nordic countries would appreciate to have the opportunity to present its observations on this law proposal before the Committee publishes its opinion and/or recommends changes and preferably before the proposal is discussed in the second and third round of hearings.

I would therefore kindly request for a meeting with the Committee at any date convenient to you and the members of the Committee. I will be accompanied by Ms. Karolina Lindholm Billing, Senior Regional Legal Officer.

Yours sincerely,

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Regional Representative

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