



Statement on Third Reading of

Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill

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Today, the Safety of Rwanda Bill will have its Third Reading. **At this critical stage, Amnesty International UK (AIUK) is urging peers to refuse this Bill its Third Reading.**

AIUK welcomes the efforts of peers in amending the Bill at Report to address - to some significant extent – several of the profound legal and constitutional issues arising from it. **However, even with amendments, this Bill remains in serious conflict with the UK’s human rights obligations and threatens more destabilising impact both internationally and domestically.**

This is the third asylum Bill presented to Parliament in three years, with each being more controversial than the last. From 2020, the Government has set out to absolve itself of the asylum responsibilities it continues to demand other nations must take. **This underlying policy - to refuse to process claims for asylum made by people in the UK, in the belief that this will deter other people coming – has been a disaster, with administrative chaos, spiralling costs and human suffering at its core.**

AIUK urges peers to take a stand at this final opportunity and refuse this Bill entirely.

For more detailed analysis of the Government’s underlying policy, please read our briefing – [*Gambling with lives: How a bad policy wrecked the UK asylum system.*](#)