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**INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION IN THE ARAB REGION:
TRENDS AND POLICIES***

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b) Cultural line

a) Indigenisation of the workforce in the Gulf

b) Prevention of illegal immigration in Northern Africa

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TABLE 1: EMIGRANTS FROM MEDITERRANEAN ARAB COUNTRIES IN THE EU MEMBER STATES AND IN SOME OTHER COUNTRIES, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS OF DESTINATION COUNTRIES - MOST RECENT DATA*

| <i>Country of Destination</i> | <i>Definition**</i> | <i>Country of Origin</i> | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| | | <i>Algeria</i> | <i>Egypt</i> | <i>Jordan</i> | <i>Lebanon</i> | <i>Morocco</i> | <i>Palestine</i> | <i>Syria</i> | <i>Tunisia</i> | <i>Total</i> |
| Austria | B | 330 | 4721 | 291 | 382 | 515 | 118 | 583 | 1194 | 8134 |
| Belgium | B | 7221 | 793 | | 1045 | 83631 | | 815 | 3263 | 96768 |
| Cyprus | A | 19 | 2609 | 222 | 1386 | 33 | 182 | 1638 | 19 | 6108 |
| Czech Rep. | B | 366 | 130 | 134 | 191 | 105 | 72 | 315 | 196 | 1509 |
| Denmark | B | 456 | 637 | 652 | 5361 | 3226 | 0 | 1037 | 508 | 11877 |
| Estonia | B | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | | | 4 |
| Finland | B | 225 | 210 | 132 | 95 | 613 | 10 | 134 | 183 | 1602 |
| France | C | 685558 | 15974 | 933 | 33278 | 725782 | 468 | 10826 | 260622 | 1733441 |
| Germany | B | 17308 | 14477 | 10435 | 47827 | 79838 | | 28679 | 24243 | 222807 |
| Greece | B | 267 | 7448 | 672 | 1277 | 526 | | 5552 | 231 | 15973 |
| Hungary | B | 216 | 178 | 131 | 90 | 23 | | 487 | 23 | 1148 |
| Italy | B | 15750 | 40879 | 2011 | 3333 | 223661 | 389 | 2505 | 58628 | 347156 |
| Ireland | | | | | | | | | | |
| Latvia | A | 8 | 8 | 9 | 88 | 6 | | 16 | | 135 |
| Lithuania | B | 2 | 3 | 14 | 119 | | | | | 138 |
| Luxembourg | B | 103 | 27 | 2 | 36 | 252 | 1 | 1 | 138 | 560 |

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|------------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------|--------|---------|---------|-----------|--------|---------|---------|
| | | Algeria | Egypt | Jordan | Lebanon | Morocco | Palestine | Syria | Tunisia | Total |
| South Africa | C | 19 | 42 | 14 | 12 | 55 | | 2 | 4 | 148 |
| Switzerland | B | 3127 | 1369 | 288 | 1982 | 1982 | 122 | 671 | 4876 | 14417 |
| USA | A | 10880 | 113395 | 46795 | 105910 | 34680 | | 54560 | 6330 | 372550 |
| Other Countries* | | 33652 | 185124 | 55107 | 247897 | 62944 | 8237 | 85763 | 16402 | 695126 |
| Total | | 847320 | 444145 | 78559 | 363357 | 1900848 | 108944 | 190640 | 385785 | 4319598 |

* This table contains only those countries which provide census data on foreign residents by detailed country of nationality / birth. Some of the world major countries of immigration, such as Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and other countries of the Gulf, could not be included by lack of accurate data.

** Immigrants are defined as foreign born [A], non-nationals [B], or a combination of both criteria [C]

Sources of data: Algeria: Recensement de la Population 1998 ; Armenia: 2001 population census) ; Australia: 2001 Population Census ; Austria : Population census, 2001 ; Belgium: Office des étrangers, 2005 ; Canada : 2001, Statistics Canada ; Cyprus: Census of Population, 2002 ; Czech Republic: Ministry of the Interior, 2002 ; Denmark: Statistics Denmark, 2003 ; Estonia: Population census, 2000 ; Finland: Statistics Finland, 2003 ; France: Recensement de la population, INSEE, 1999 ; Germany: Central Register on Foreigners, 2002 ; Greece: Population Census, 2001 ; Hungary: Population Census, 2001 ; Iceland: Statistics Iceland, 2003 ; Iran: Statistical Centre of Iran, 2003 ; Ireland: nd ; Italy: Residence permits 31.08.2004 ; Japan: Japan Statistics Bureau, 2000 ; Jordan: Population and Housing Census 1994 ; Latvia: Population and Housing Census, 2000 ; Lithuania: Population and Housing Census 2001 ; Luxembourg: RP2001 ; Malta: nd ; Morocco: Direction Gén. Sûreté Générale, 2002 ; Netherlands: Netherlands statistics, 2004 ; New Zealand: Population census, 2001 ; Norway: Statistics Norway, 2005 ; Palestinian Territory: Israel, Central Bureau of Stat, end 2004 ;

Poland: nd ; Portugal: 2003 ; Romania: Census of Population, 2002 ; Slovakia: nd ; Slovenia: Population Census, 2000 ; South Africa: Statistics South Africa, 2003 ; Spain: Source Fuente de información: Dirección General de la Policía, 31.12.2005 ; Sweden: Statistics Sweden, 2003 ; Switzerland: Office fédéral de l'immigration, 2003 ; Tunisia : Recensement de la Population 2004 ; Turkey: Population Census of 2000 ; United Kingdom: 2001 Census ; United States: 2000, U.S. Census Bureau, Census.

Source of the table: Fargues, Ph. (Ed) Mediterranean Migration Report 2005, CARIM, European University Institute, Florence 2005, pp. 374-5

TABLE 2 : MIGRANTS FROM 6 ARAB COUNTRIES BY GROUP OF COUNTRIES OF RESIDENCE, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS OF ORIGIN COUNTRIES

| Country | Type of data | Country of residence | | | Total |
|----------------|--------------|----------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------|
| | | European Countries* | Arab Countries | Other Countries | |
| Algeria 1995 | A | 991796 | 66398 | 14052 | 1072246 |
| Egypt 2000 | B | 436000 | 1912729 | 388000 | 2736729 |
| Lebanon 2001 | B | 157030 | 123966 | 325604 | 606600 |
| Morocco 2004 | A | 2616871 | 282772 | 189447 | 3089090 |
| Tunisia 2003 | A | 695765 | 116926 | 30513 | 843204 |
| Sub-total | | 4897462 | 2502791 | 947616 | 8347869 |
| Palestine 2002 | C | 295075 | 4180673 | 231723 | 4707471 |
| Total | | 5192537 | 6683464 | 1179339 | 13055340 |

Type of data: A = consular records; B = survey on expatriates, C = PCBS estimates

TABLE 5: REFUGEE POPULATION BY COUNTRY OF ASYLUM / ORIGIN

| <i>Country \ Year</i> | <i>by country of asylum</i> | | <i>by country of origin</i> | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| | <i>1994</i> | <i>2003</i> | <i>1994</i> | <i>2003</i> |
| Algeria | 219.1 | 0.0 | 20.7 | 11.7 |
| Bahrain | 0.0 | 0.3 | | |
| Djibouti | 33.4 | 234.0 | 18.1 | 0.5 |
| Egypt (1) | 7.2 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 5.7 |
| Iraq (2) | 119.6 | 134.2 | 749.8 | 368.6 |
| Jordan | 0.6 | 1.2 | | |
| Kuwait (3) | 30.0 | 1.5 | | |
| Lebanon | 1.4 | 2.5 | 15.7 | 24.9 |
| Libya | 2.0 | 11.9 | | |
| Mauritania | 82.2 | 0.5 | 68.0 | 30.5 |
| Morocco | 0.3 | 2.1 | | |
| Palestinian Territory | | | 82.6 | 427.9 |
| Qatar | 0.0 | 0.0 | | |
| Saudi Arabia (4) | 18.0 | 240.8 | | |
| Somalia | 0.4 | 0.4 | 631.4 | 402.3 |
| Sudan | 727.2 | 138.2 | 405.1 | 606.2 |
| Syria | 40.3 | 3.7 | 7.1 | 20.3 |
| Tunisia | 0.0 | 0.1 | | |
| United Arab Emirates | 0.4 | 0.2 | | |
| Yemen | 48.3 | 61.9 | | |
| Arab Countries | 1,330.3 | 833.5 | 1,999.1 | 1,898.7 |
| World Total | 15,733.7 | 9,680.3 | 15,733.7 | 9,680.3 |

Source: <http://www.unhcr.org/cgi-bin/texis/vtx/statistics>

1. The 2002-2003 figures include an estimated 70,000 Palestinian refugees residing in the country.
2. Figure for 2003 refers to end-2002.
3. Since 1995, 27,000 Palestinian and Iraqi refugees, previously assisted by UNHCR, are no

TABLE 6: MOROCCAN POPULATION RESIDING ABROAD ACCORDING TO CONSULAR RECORDS 1993-2004

| <i>Country of registration</i> | <i>1993</i> | <i>2004</i> | <i>Annual rate of growth %</i> |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------------|
| <i>Europe</i> | | | |
| France | 678917 | 1113176 | 4.50% |
| Spain | 65847 | 423933 | 16.93% |
| Netherlands | 164546 | 300332 | 5.47% |
| Italy | 91699 | 298949 | 10.74% |
| Belgium | 145363 | 293097 | 6.38% |
| Germany | 85156 | 102000 | 1.64% |
| United Kingdom | 25000 | 35000 | 3.06% |
| Switzerland | 5517 | 11500 | 6.68% |
| Sweden | 5500 | 10000 | 5.43% |
| Russia | - | 8687 | - |
| Denmark | 4622 | 6300 | 2.82% |
| Norway | 3400 | 6300 | 5.61% |
| Other | - | 7597 | - |
| Total Europe | 1279558 | 2616871 | 6.50% |
| <i>Arab Countries</i> | | | |
| Libya | 102413 | 120000 | 1.44% |
| Algeria | 54576 | 79790 | 3.45% |
| Saudi Arabia | 9000 | 27830 | 10.26% |
| Tunisia | 20000 | 25637 | 2.26% |
| United Arab Emirates | 2992 | 13040 | 13.38% |
| Other | 7036 | 16475 | 7.73% |
| Total Arab Countries | 196017 | 282772 | 3.33% |
| <i>Other countries</i> | | | |
| United States | 25000 | 100000 | 12.60% |
| Canada | 45000 | 77713 | 4.97% |
| Other | 3722 | 11734 | 10.44% |
| Total other countries | 73722 | 189447 | 8.58% |
| TOTAL | 1549297 | 3089090 | 6.27% |

Source: Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Co-operation, 2005

TABLE 7: NATIONALS FROM SELECTED ARAB COUNTRIES RESIDING IN SPAIN 31/12/1998 - 31/12/2005

| <i>Country of nationality</i> | <i>1998</i> | <i>2005</i> | <i>Change 1998-2005</i> | <i>Annual rate of growth %</i> |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Algeria | 5,924 | 46,278 | 40,354 | 29.4 |
| Egypt | 799 | 2,501 | 1,702 | 16.3 |
| Morocco | 111,043 | 511,294 | 400,251 | 21.8 |
| Tunisia | 528 | 1,566 | 1,038 | 15.5 |
| Jordan | 696 | 1,297 | 601 | 8.9 |
| Lebanon | 1,072 | 1,442 | 370 | 4.2 |
| Syria | 1,187 | 2,579 | 1,392 | 11.1 |
| Total 7 countries | 123,247 | 568,962 | 445,708 | 21.9 |

Source: Fuente de información: Dirección General de la Policía - INE 2006

TABLE 8: ACTIVE POPULATION ORIGINATING FROM ARAB COUNTRIES, ACCORDING TO COUNTRY OF ORIGIN, COUNTRY OF DESTINATION AND OCCUPATION*

| <i>Country of Origin</i> | <i>Country of Destination</i> | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| | | <i>Legislators, senior officials and managers</i> |
| | | <i>Professionals</i> |
| | | <i>Technicians and associate professionals</i> |
| | | <i>Clerks</i> |
| | | <i>Service workers and shop and market sales workers</i> |
| | | <i>Skilled agricultural and fishery workers</i> |
| | | <i>Craft and related trades workers</i> |
| | | <i>Plant and machine operators and assemblers</i> |
| | | <i>Elementary occupations workers</i> |
| | | <i>Armed forces workers</i> |

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Origin Country of
Destination

Legislators, senior officials and managers

Professionals

Technicians and associate professionals

Clerks

*Service workers and shop and market sales
workers*

Skilled agricultural and fishery workers

Craft and related trades workers

Plant and machine operators and assemblers

TABLE 9: MIGRANT POPULATION AGED 15

| <i>Country of origin</i> | <i>Country of residence</i> | <i>Level of Education</i> | | | <i>Total</i> |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| | | <i>Below primary or primary</i> | <i>Lower secondary or secondary</i> | <i>Tertiary</i> | |
| | Tunisia | 58 | 118 | 174 | 676 |
| | United-States** | 13985 | 9265 | 24420 | 47670 |
| | Jordan | 1623 | 29 | 96 | 1748 |
| | Total | 21417 | 14772 | 37813 | 74323 |
| Tunisia | Austria | 602 | 378 | 70 | 1050 |
| | Canada | 655 | 1050 | 3510 | 5215 |
| | France | 69515 | 58559 | 36233 | 164307 |
| | Spain | 94 | 536 | 32 | 662 |
| | United-States** | 915 | 1030 | 3610 | 5555 |
| | Total | 71781 | 61553 | 43455 | 176789 |
| Total 8 countries | | 825132 | 789106 | 550232 | 2165921 |

*Only countries of residence providing the distribution by occupation of Med-MENA migrants are included in the table

** Population aged 24 and over

Sources : Statistical Institutes of Austria (2001), Germany (2001), Canada (2001), Spain (2001), USA (2000), France (1999), UK (2002), Jordan (2003) and Tunisia (2004).

TABLE 10: NUMBERS OF IMMIGRANTS IN ARAB COUNTRIES ACCORDING TO NATIONAL SOURCES AND UN ESTIMATES

| Country | National data (most recent census / survey) | | United Nations 2005 | Difference UN/ National | |
|----------|---|------|------------------------|----------------------------|----------|
| | Number | Year | | Absolute | Relative |
| Algeria | 72 | 1998 | 242 | 170 | 237% |
| Bahrain | 245 | 2001 | 295 | 50 | 21% |
| Comoros | | | 67 | | |
| Djibouti | | | 20 | | |
| Egypt | | 1996 | 166 | 50 | 43% |
| Iraq | | | 28 | | |
| Jordan | 315 | 1994 | 2225 | 1910 | 606% |
| Kuwait | 1388 | 2001 | 1669 | 281 | 20% |
| Lebanon | | | | | |

TABLE 11: NUMBERS OF APPREHENDED IRREGULAR MIGRANTS IN MOROCCO, 2000-2005

| <i>Year</i> | <i>2000</i> | <i>2001</i> | <i>2002</i> | <i>2003</i> | <i>2004</i> | <i>2005</i> |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Nationals | 9850 | 13002 | 16100 | 12400 | 9353 | 8000 |
| Foreigners | 14395 | 15000 | 15300 | 23851 | 17252 | 22000 |
| Total | 24245 | 28002 | 31400 | 36251 | 26605 | 30000 |

Source: Moroccan Ministry of the Interior