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***Press Release***

**People entering Australia by boat without a visa will not be settled in Australia**

As of Friday 19 July 2013, asylum seekers who transfer to Australia by boat without a visa will never be settled in Australia.

Under the new arrangement signed with Papua New Guinea on 19 July – the Regional Settlement Arrangement - unauthorised arrivals will be sent to Papua New Guinea for assessment and if found to be a refugee will be settled there.

The Australian High Commission provides the attached media release issued by the Prime Minister of Australia, the Hon Kevin Rudd MP, and the attached fact sheet issued by the Australian Department of Immigration and Citizenship, both of which provide further detail on the Regional Settlement Arrangement.

**Australian High Commission, Dhaka**

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