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On April 12, Frances Jean Francoise Durieux, UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), told reporters that an average of five children are born every day in Guatemalan refugee camps located in Chiapas, Campeche and Quintana Roo states. During the 10 years of the refugees' exile in Mexico, he said, over 15,000 children have been born in the camps. According to Durieux, despite the fact that the newborns are Mexican citizens, several thousand children born in the camps lack requisite documentation. (Basic data from EFE, 04/12/91)

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