

Forum: Human Rights Council

Question of: Improving the Situation of Internally Displaced Persons

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- 1 The Human Rights Council,
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- 3 *Bearing in mind* that internally displaced people (IDPs) have not crossed a border and have fled for
- 4 various reasons,
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- 6 *Alarmed by* IDPs worldwide suffering from Human Rights violations, leaving millions of IDPs deprived of
- 7 drinking water, shelter, medical care or sustenance and isolated from education and the labour market,
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- 9 *Deeply concerned* that the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) finds itself unable
- 10 to secure basic human rights for millions of IDPs due to a lack of funding,
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- 12 *Fully aware* that the variety of complex reasons for internal displacement prevents a universal solution,
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- 14 *Guided by* the advocacy of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) for a “cluster approach”,
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- 16 *Noting with regret* that neither a UN agency, nor a NGO has an efficient leading role in providing aid to
- 17 IDPs,
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- 19 *Recognising* that internally displaced persons are officially under the protection of their government,
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- 21 *Emphasizing* the role of the government to prevent internal displacement as stated by the “Guiding
- 22 Principles on internally displaced persons” which have been endorsed by the UN General Assembly,
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- 24 *Noting with approval* the guidance of the “UN Principles for Housing and Property Restitution for
- 25 Refugees and IDPs” the right of return,
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- 27 *Regretting* that the right of return cannot be enforced in all situations
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- 29 *Deeply conscious* that natural disasters caused by climate change will endanger millions of people in the
- 30 upcoming decades
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- 32 *Viewing with appreciation* the international efforts at the first World Humanitarian Summit in Istanbul in
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Keeping in mind the task of the Human Rights Council to promote human rights education according to the UN Charta,

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1. **Calls for** UN agencies, independent organizations, and governments to
 - a. raise awareness for internally displaced persons in order to encourage engagement in the topic
 - b. secure human rights for IDPs,
 - c. observe the situation of IDPs,
 - d. adapt and follow the
 - i. guidance on profiling internally displaced persons and by the United Nations Office for the coordination of Humanitarian Affairs,
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 2. **Strongly urges** governments to enable humanitarian agencies access to IDPs;
 3. **Endorses** a cluster approach to be implemented in all countries with IDP populations which includes:
 - a. the designation of different humanitarian agencies as leaders of the 11 sectors
 - b. the creation of an online data base for reporting,
 - c. the appointment of a leading representative of any party involved in assisting IDPs, preferably a member of the government unless the government is the cause of the escape,
 - d. a registration system for IDPs;
 4. **Suggests accordingly** that the UNHCR is renamed to United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and IDPs (UNHCRI) and take the leading role in coordinating the cluster approach;
 5. **Asks** UN member states to increase funding;
 6. **Encourages** financial support by the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) and the Trust Fund for Human Security;
 7. **Affirms** the responsibility of the UNHCR to oversee the shelter needs of IDPs;
 8. **Further invites** all member states to address the UNHCR when seeking help or support and immediately informing it in case of internal displacement;
 9. **Expresses its hope** that organized camps replace all other forms of housing for IDPs;

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10. **Seeks** the cooperation of governments, NGOs and independent organizations to establish new adequate housing within one month of displacement;

11. **Trusts** the UNHCR to request and publish all information of the involved organizations regarding:
a. the numbers, locations and situations of IDPs in all countries with IDP populations,
b. the aid provided by that agency or government.