

Forum: The 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 *Referring* to its task according to the Convention relating to the Status of Refugees,
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5 *Desiring* an end of inhumane treatment of citizens in fragile countries,
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7 *Observing* an increase of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) since the last decade,
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9 *Realizing* the financial and personal effort it takes to ensure safety, accomodation and integration of
10 IDPs,
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12 *Noting with approval* that the United Nations Refugee Agency is more than ever able to give immediate
13 aid in cases of humanitarian catastrophes and to improve the situation of refugees in countries of
14 asylum and origin,
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16 *Fully aware* of the fact that there are inhumane situations that the United Nations Refugee Agency has
17 yet not been able to stop,
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19 *Alarmed by* the big number of internally displaced people,
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21 *Pointing out* the legal conflict of IDPs and the difficulties reaching them by international law without
22 disrupting a country's freedom, Noting with satisfaction that the Cluster Approach has shown high
23 effectiveness in some countries and sectors,
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25 *Taking in consideration* that some structures are insufficient,
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27 *Bearing in mind* that non-governmental organisations work most efficiently if they are able to operate
28 sovereignly instead of taking order from the United Nations,
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30 1. **Asks** every nation to enhance the public awareness on IDPs;
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32 2. **Recommends** a conference on the status of IDPs
33 a. Which would be held in every year in Auckland,
34 b. Which would hand in a report to the UN General Assembly,

- 35 c. Where all nations that have the intention to solve this crisis or affected by it would
36 participate;
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- 38 3. **Calls upon** adding IDPs to the mandate of the UNHCR;
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- 41 4. **Urges** the establishment of secure areas in unstable countries which are:
- 42 a. Under the UNHCR protection,
- 43 b. Reachable for IDPs
- 44 c. Centers of help in case of catastrophes,
- 45 d. Approaches to eventually help IDPs to settle down elsewhere or ~~leave the country~~;
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- 48 5. **Approves** the sovereignty of NGOs
- 49 a. Especially acknowledging their
- 50 i. Independence and freedom,
- 51 ii. Equality,
- 52 iii. Impartiality concerning the policy of the UN,
- 53 b. To motivate for partake at the Cluster Approach,
- 54 c. To guarantee the highest possible efficiency;
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- 57 6. **Decides** a change of the Cluster Approach strategy concerning:
- 58 a. The mechanism of humanitarian help for IDPs
- 59 i. With keeping a status-based model internationally,
- 60 ii. With applying a need-based model on country level,
- 61 b. The role of UN agencies
- 62 i. Which should accept the sovereignty of NGOs according to clause 5,
- 63 ii. Whose function in the Cluster Approach should be reduced to:
- 64 1. Enhancement of organization,
- 65 2. Allocation of resources and information,
- 66 3. Advice,
- 67 4. The country-cluster leadership agencies
- 68 i. Which need to be elected carefully,
- 69 ii. Which will be supported by the United Nations to
- 70 1. Enlarge their capacities,
- 71 2. Deploys adequate amount of personnel with needed experience and
- 72 skills;
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- 74 7. **Strongly urges**, based upon Article 26 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR),
75 that the – within Article 26 stated – “right to education” shall be made available to all IDPs;
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- 77 8. **Urges** the establishment of an Emergency Help Training Agency (EHTA),
- 78 a. Which is a subsidiary body of the UNHCR,
- 79 b. Offers internationally standardized training programs for
- 80 i. Organizations participating at the Cluster Approach,
- 81 ii. Organizations which has been found appropriate for country-cluster leadership,
- 82 c. Improving the ability to:

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- i. Handle situations of emergency more effectively,
- ii. Help communicating with NGOs;

- 9. **Strongly expects** all countries to work for the establishment and hence of human rights;
- 10. **Invites** all countries to support these measures.