

**Forum:** Third Committee of the United Nations General Assembly



**Question of:** Taking Responsibility to Improve Support for Climate Migrants

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1 *The Social, Cultural and Humanitarian Committee,*

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3 *Recalling* the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter, specifically including the  
4 commitment to promote and encourage respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for  
5 all, specifically mentioning refugees, without distinction as to ethnicity, gender, language or  
6 religion,

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8 *Deeply concerned* by the harsh reality of innocent people having to flee their homes and leaving  
9 both their possessions and close people behind,

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11 *Observing* the economic and social vulnerabilities faced by individuals and communities  
12 displaced by climate change, including the loss of livelihoods, inadequate access to basic  
13 services and increased exposure to poverty and exploitation,

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15 *Emphasizing* the necessity of providing protection, assistance, and support to climate migrants,  
16 in accordance with international law and the main principles of the United Nations, to ensure  
17 their human rights, dignity and well-being are upheld,

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19 *Acknowledging* the effects of climate migration for local destination communities throughout  
20 the integration process because of legal difficulties as well as economic needs of climate  
21 migrants,

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23 *Noting with concern* the existing gaps and challenges in the international response to climate-  
24 induced migration through unfitting legal frameworks, limited access to financial resources and  
25 the absence of comprehensive approaches to addressing the specific needs of climate migrants,

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27 *Alarmed by* the ever-increasing frequency and dangers of natural disasters caused and amplified  
28 by anthropogenic climate change, specifically focusing on sea level rise, extreme weather  
29 events and changing rainfall patterns leading to islands and countries with a long coastline  
30 extinguishing,

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32 *Reaffirming* the importance of international cooperation and solidarity in addressing the global  
33 and complex challenge of climate migration,

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35 *Emphasizing* that most countries in the world are already destinations for climate migrants  
36 while people from less developed countries and rural or disadvantaged communities are  
37 disproportionately affected,

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39 *Noting with deep concern* the negative effect of displaced agricultural workers on global food  
40 security,

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42 *Reaffirming* the principles enshrined in the United Nations Framework Convention on climate  
43 change and the Paris agreement, including the principle of common but differentiated  
44 responsibilities and respective capabilities,

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46 *Keeping in mind* the rising problem of possible conflicts between citizens which could worsen  
47 the issue of climate migration,

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49 **1. Urges** member states to recognize the specific needs and vulnerabilities of climate  
50 migrants and to develop and implement comprehensive policy measures aiming at  
51 ensuring the well-being of climate migrants including:

52 a. establishing legal frameworks and mechanisms that guarantee human rights and  
53 access to education, healthcare, and social services for climate migrants in their  
54 destination country,

55 i. seeking to improve the legal status of climate migrants by expanding the  
56 refugee definition of the Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees  
57 to include people forcefully displaced by climate change,

58 1. the judgement on whether somebody is a climate refugee or not  
59 shall be assisted by more collected data on climate change  
60 effects,

61 ii. strengthening coordination and cooperation among relevant globally and  
62 locally active institutions to enhance the capacity of responding to the  
63 needs of climate migrants, including:

64 1. government agencies,

65 2. international organizations,

66 3. civil society,

67 b. developing and implementing climate-resilient development strategies that  
68 promote sustainable livelihoods and income-generating opportunities for  
69 climate migrants in both host communities and regions of origin,

70 c. promoting education and awareness programs that address the specific  
71 challenges faced by climate migrants, foster social inclusion as well as combat  
72 discrimination and stigmatization,

73 d. strengthening disaster risk reduction and preventive measures to minimize the  
74 impact of climate-related disasters and prevent forced displacement and  
75 migration;

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- 77 2. **Asks** member states to implement measures focusing on fighting climate change and  
78 addressing civil, military, and political entities by:
- 79 a. ensuring effective education on climate change, its effects, its causes, and ways  
80 to prevent a global anthropogenic rise in temperature,
  - 81 b. creating legally binding guidelines on carbon dioxide emission limits per entity  
82 and enforcing punishments connected to it,
  - 83 c. raising awareness of climate change through:
    - 84 i. social media,
    - 85 ii. ads,
    - 86 iii. billboards,
    - 87 iv. digital and physical newspapers;
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- 89 3. **Calls** upon the International Community to provide financial and technical assistance  
90 to support member states in implementing the earlier mentioned policies and measures  
91 through:
- 92 a. mobilizing additional resources, including climate finance, to address the  
93 specific needs and challenges of climate migrants,
  - 94 b. supporting efforts to build capacities in effectively responding to climate-  
95 induced migration, including through technology transfer and sharing of  
96 knowledge,
  - 97 c. facilitating international cooperation and partnerships to strengthen the  
98 resilience of countries and communities most affected by climate change and  
99 migration,
  - 100 d. providing financial aid to developing countries being most affected by climate  
101 change through multilateral development funds with the amount being  
102 determined by the respective GDP, population and current and historic  
103 greenhouse gas emissions,
  - 104 e. creating a specialized committee managing financial responsibilities of  
105 industrialized countries and the amount of aid to developing countries;
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- 107 4. **Demands** that vanishing island countries are granted refuge as a whole and are allowed  
108 to form their own identity and keep their sovereignty to prevent nations to fall apart,  
109 and:
- 110 a. if not possible then equal distribution of climate refugees should take place  
111 according to the will of the migrating country,
  - 112 b. the immigrated nations have to be in consistent exchange with the native people  
113 to prevent cultural conflicts;
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- 115 5. **Suggests** that areas within more developed countries could be provided so that entire  
116 nations who had to move can form their own identity and remain one people, but:
- 117 a. receiving countries do not have to surrender their territory if they want to keep  
118 it;
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- 120 6. **Urges** a fair distribution key that regulates the allocation of climate migrants to different  
121 countries based on:

- 122 a. available infrastructure in the respective country,  
123 b. population density,  
124 c. healthcare systems,  
125 d. employment opportunities  
126 e. financial possibilities,  
127 f. the countries' historical and current contribution to greenhouse gas emissions  
128 and climate change,  
129 g. regional proximity to the regions of origin of the respective climate migrants;  
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- 131 7. **Aims** at starting a forum where disaster management resources can be shared;  
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- 133 8. **Encourages** the United Nations system, including relevant specialized agencies, funds  
134 and programs to:
- 135 a. expand their efforts to mainstream the protection and support for climate  
136 migrants into their policies, programs and activities by determining and  
137 implementing safe refugee routes for current and following generations,  
138 b. support research, data collection and analysis programs to improve the pressing  
139 situation by:
- 140 i. gaining better insights into the drivers of climate change as the cause of  
141 climate-induced migration,  
142 ii. basing decisions whether migrants are climate refugees on collected  
143 data,  
144 iii. evaluating mentioned aid projects based on their measured impact;  
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- 146 9. **Endorses** any further ideas, measures, and strategies which can be beneficial for the  
147 problem-solving process of supporting climate migrants;  
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- 149 10. **Requests** the Secretary General to implement the International Climate Migration  
150 Resolution Agency (CLMRA) which:
- 151 a. is to be recognized by all members of the committee,  
152 b. handles, supervises and solves climate migration problems on an international  
153 level,  
154 c. funds institutions which can have a positive impact on the environment,  
155 d. proposes construction work to build safety measures (for example dams to  
156 combat floods) and to ensure fundamental needs such as housings, hygiene,  
157 education and healthcare,  
158 e. acts as the forum where disaster management resources can be shared, including,  
159 but not limited to:
- 160 i. intellectual property and experiences, emergency land, naval and aerial  
161 vehicles,  
162 ii. voluntary workers helping in disaster scenarios,  
163 iii. construction materials, medical healthcare and consumables, portable  
164 accommodation and communication;  
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166 **11. Urges** all member states to take necessary measures to ensure the effective  
167 implementation of this resolution;

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169 **12. Decides** to remain actively seized on the matter.

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172 **Voting Results**

173 In favour: 57

174 Against: 17

175 Abstentions: 3