



HUMAN RIGHTS PERSPECTIVES ON THE GOVERNANCE OF MIGRATION AT BORDERS AND IN THE CONTEXT OF RETURNS

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Concept Note

Background

In the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants, Member States pledged to combat with all the means at their disposal the abuse and exploitation suffered by migrants in vulnerable situations and to address their special needs in accordance with obligations under international law (para 10 and 23). They pledged to implement border control procedures in conformity with applicable obligations under international law, including international human rights law and international refugee law and to ensure that public officials and law enforcement officers who work in border areas are trained to uphold the human rights of all persons crossing, or seeking to cross, international borders (para 21). Pledging to consider reviewing policies of criminalization, Member States reaffirmed that all individuals who have crossed or are seeking to cross international borders are entitled to due process in the assessment of their legal status, entry and stay (para 33). They further pledged that any type of return, whether voluntary or otherwise, must be consistent with obligations under international human rights law and in compliance with the principle of non-refoulement. It should also respect the rules of international law and must in addition be conducted in keeping with the best interests of children and with due process (para 58).

As Member States focus on governance in the consultation phase of the preparation of the Global Compact on Migration there are existing guidelines and examples that can be drawn on, including [OHCHR's Recommended Principles and Guidelines on Human Rights at International Borders](#).

This side-event, organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in collaboration with the Quaker United Nations Office (QUNO) and co-sponsored by Mexico, Portugal, Switzerland and the Philippines, aims to share **human rights perspectives related to the governance of migration at international borders and in the context of returns**.

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