

OHCHR Statement on Migration

Migration is a natural part of life. It is a right enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

It is also a reality that millions of people around the world are forced to leave their homes due to conflict, persecution, or environmental factors.

However, migration can also lead to discrimination, xenophobia, and prejudice on the one hand; and facts, values, and our human rights on the other.

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That detention must no longer stand.

It is time to end the practice of indefinite detention of detainees held at Guantanamo Bay. It is time to close the facility. It is time to eliminate the practice of holding detainees without charge or trial. It is time to end the practice of holding detainees as an affront to all humanity.

Because we take no mistake, this is still a two sides.

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