

**Submission by the Republic of Armenia to the
-Level Panel on Internal Displacement**

- The Republic of Armenia reiterates its readiness to be involved in the work of the UN High-Level Panel on Internal Displacement. Armenia emphasizes the need for an interdisciplinary approach to problem-solving, and the need to address the internal displacement from the perspectives of development, climate change, disaster management. Armenia is committed to be involved in coherent actions in that direction.

- Armenia is concerned about the highly increasing displacement at the global level and emphasizes solidarity with the plight of refugees, victims of forced displacement. At the same time, it should be emphasized that there is more to be done to prevent and resolve conflicts throughout the globe, addressing the root causes of displacement, and we reiterate our commitment to peaceful resolution of conflicts.

- We believe that for the implementation of the pledge of leaving no one behind, the universal application of human rights should be ensured equally and without any discrimination to all people in need, regardless of their location and irrespective of

and calls for enhanced international cooperation to improve data collection in this regard.

- The Government of Armenia has approached the issue of IDPs since 2000¹. In 2002, the National Assembly of Armenia adopted the Law on Approving the Complex Development Program for the Border Areas in Armenia. In 2002-2004 the State Migration Agency with involvement of the Norwegian Refugee Council undertook registration of IDPs in bordering area and carried out IDPs allocation mapping and a study of their willingness to return to their original places of residence. The mapping research conducted in 186 villages bordering Azerbaijan involved all the 65.647 households. According to the research, IDPs were

- The experience of Armenia that hosted displaced population in 2016² has highlighted the need to elaborate contingency planning and contingency preparedness plans and programmes and to work closely with international partners to this end.
- The possible formulations of conflicts need to be based on the terms used by the official and internationally-mandated mediating formats, maintaining impartiality and refraining from any formulation that is detrimental to the negotiation process.