

The New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants

Discussion on implementation of the commitments to counter xenophobia

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Moderated by Mr. Vincent Cochetel, Director, Europe Bureau, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Speakers:

Mr. Bruce Scoffield, Minister-Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations Office at Geneva

Ms. Peggy Hicks, Director, Thematic Engagement, Special Procedures and Right to Development Division, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

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The New York Declaration recognizes that refugees and migrants face many common risks and challenges when travelling in large movements. The Declaration incorporates a set of commitments designed to address these shared challenges, including a commitment by States to counter xenophobia. The Declaration recognizes that xenophobia undermines the tolerance and solidarity that is needed to address large movements of refugees and migrants, welcomes the global campaign to counter xenophobia proposed by the Secretary-General and commits States to combatting xenophobia, including through measures which aim to improve integration and inclusion. In this context, this event will present an opportunity to review best practice examples, discuss opportunities for joint action and identify possible ways to counter xenophobia against refugees and migrants.

Interpretation will be available in English and French.