

# PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS WHILE ADDRESSING LARGE MOVEMENTS OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

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Large-scale, irregular and perilous movements of migrants and refugees continue to take place in all regions of the world, with an increasing number of women, men and children embarking on death-defying journeys in search of safety and dignity. They are all at risk of human rights violations and abuses and in urgent need of the effective and meaningful protection of their human rights.

This side-event, organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and Quaker United Nations Office (QUNO), and co-sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Ireland to the UN, Human Rights Watch, the International Detention Coalition (IDC), Caritas Internationalis, and the International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC), aims to discuss issues related to the protection and promotion of the human rights of all migrants and refugees, underscore the centrality of human rights ahead of the General Assembly's High Level Meeting, and explore the role of the Human Rights Council in this regard.

## *Chair*

- H.E. Ambassador Patricia O'Brien, Permanent Mission of Ireland to the UN

## *Speakers*

- Ms. Kate Gilmore, Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights
- Mr. Volker Turk, Assistant High Commissioner for Protection, UNHCR
- Gerry Simpson, Senior Researcher and Advocate, Refugee Program, Human Rights Watch
- Laurel Townhead, Representative (Human Rights and Refugees), Quaker United Nations Office



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