



## Quaker United Nations Office

### **FWCC Oral Statement to be delivered at the 58th session of the Human Rights Council**

#### **Item 3: Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the Right to Adequate Housing**

Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC) thanks the Special Rapporteur for his report which challenges dehumanizing and divisive narratives that scapegoat migrants for exacerbating the global housing crisis. In particular, we thank the Special Rapporteur for highlighting the role of discriminatory anti-migrant policies, racism and xenophobia in inhibiting migrants' enjoyment of their right to adequate housing.

We highlight the report's finding that:

"The anxieties about the so-called migration crisis, along with blatantly racist and nativist appeals to exploit that sentiment, are largely due to the nature of the global racial order on which the international system rests."<sup>1</sup>

Further, we underline the report's finding that:

"...it is refugees, asylum-seekers and other migrants who are among the groups most likely to suffer violations of the right to adequate housing, far from being those who contribute to creating housing crises."<sup>2</sup>

We remind States of their commitment under Objective 17 of the Global Compact for Migration to eliminate all forms of discrimination and promote evidence-based public discourse to shape perceptions of migration.<sup>3</sup> We highlight that the Council has mandated an intersessional panel on measures to prevent, counter and address dehumanizing and harmful narratives about migrants and migration,<sup>4</sup> and call on all States to engage, ready to share steps they are taking to uphold the dignity of all migrants.

Special Rapporteur, what actions can States take to:

- a) Reshape narratives to promote evidence-based public discourse on the nexus between migration, displacement and the housing crisis, including affordability, access and homelessness and;
- b) Ensure that migrants themselves have the access and resources needed to participate in reshaping these narratives?

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<sup>1</sup> Human Rights Council, Report of the Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-discrimination in this context, A/HRC/58/50 (2025), para 5.

<sup>2</sup> HRC, Report of the Special Rapporteur on adequate housing, A/HRC/58/50 (2025), para 101.

<sup>3</sup> United Nations General Assembly, Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, A/RES/73/195 (2018), <https://docs.un.org/en/A/RES/73/195>.

<sup>4</sup> HRC, Resolution on the human rights of migrants, A/HRC/RES/57/14 (2024), <https://docs.un.org/en/A/HRC/RES/57/14>, para 29.d.

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