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Thank you Mr. President,

IIMA thanks the Human Rights Council for the timely and relevant panel discussion on the Twentieth Anniversary of the UN Guiding Principles on internal displacement given the increasing number of internally displaced persons.

We want to underline the trauma and the deprivation that internally displaced children and youth suffer. We reiterate the Government's human rights obligations to provide these children and youth the necessary education, health care, psychological support, and adequate shelter.

To avoid "losing generation" of displaced children and youth it is vitally important that the displaced children's and youth's right to quality education is guaranteed by the States as well as the respect of their cultural identity, language, and religion. This is necessary for the effective implementation of the 2030 Agenda goal 4 on quality education.

**IIMA calls on Governments to:**

- **Provide quality education and training facilities to displaced persons;**
- **Ensure their access to health care, justice, and information on their situation;**
- **Guarantee participation of displaced persons in the life-camp;**
- **Provide displaced people employment and decent work so that they can regain their dignity, self-worth, and become self-reliant.**

Thank you Mr. President