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STATEMENT CALLING FOR SOLUTIONS
TO END THE WAREHOUSING OF REFUGEES

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The 1951 Convention and the 1967 Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees provide that persons fleeing persecution across borders deserve international protection, including freedom from forcible return (*refoulement*) and basic rights necessary for refugees to live a free, dignified, and self-reliant life even while they remain refugees. These rights include the rights to earn a livelihood—to engage in wage-employment, self-employment, the practice of professions, and the ownership of property—freedom of movement and residence, and the issuance of travel documents. These rights are applicable to refugees independently of whether a durable solution, such as voluntary repatriation, third-country resettlement, or naturalization in the country of first asylum, is available. They are part of the protection mandate of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

Of the nearly 14 million refugees in the world today, nearly 9 million are *warehoused*, confined to camps or segregated settlements or otherwise deprived of these basic rights, in situations lasting 10 years or more. Warehousing refugees not only violates their rights but also often reduces refugees to enforced idleness, dependency, and despair.

In light of the foregoing, the undersigned:

1. denounce the practice of warehousing refugees as a denial of rights in violation of the letter and spirit of the 1951 Convention and 1967 Protocol and call upon the international community, including donor countries, host countries and members of the Executive Committee of UNHCR to do the same;
2. call upon the international community to develop and implement strategies to end the practice of warehousing, including examining how refugee assistance can enable the greater enjoyment of Convention rights;
3. call upon UNHCR to monitor refugee situations more effectively for the realization of all the rights of refugees under the Convention, including those related to freedom of movement and the right to earn a livelihood;
4. call upon those countries that have not yet ratified the Convention or the Protocol to do so;
5. call upon those countries that have ratified the Convention and/or the Protocol but have done so with reservations on key articles pertaining to the right to work and freedom of movement to remove those reservations; and
6. call upon all countries to pass legislation, promulgate policies, and implement programs providing for the full enjoyment of the basic rights of refugees as set forth in the Convention.

Organizations

International

[Africa Humanitarian Action](#)
African Youth for Peace
[Amnesty International](#)
[Anglican Communion Office at the United Nations](#)
[Apne Aap Women Worldwide](#)
[Arab NGO Network for Development](#)
Asean Inter-Parliamentary Myanmar Caucus (AIPMC)
[Asia Muslim Action Network](#)
[Association européenne pour la défense des droits de l'Homme](#)
[Association of Member Episcopal Conferences in Eastern Africa](#)
[Chin Human Rights Organization](#)
[Churches' Commission for Migrants in Europe](#)
Commission d'Entraide pour les Migrants et les Réfugiés - International
[Community and Family Services International](#)
[Danish Refugee Council](#)
[European Council on Refugees and Exiles](#)
[European Network Against Racism](#)
[Fédération Internationale des Ligues des Droits de l'Homme](#)
Foundation for the Refugee Education Trust
[Franciscans International](#)
[Free Burma Coalition](#)
[Genocide Watch](#)
[Handicap International](#)
[Human Rights Watch](#)
[Institute for Liberty and Democracy](#)
[International Catholic Migration Commission](#)
[International Council of Jewish Women](#)
[International Federation of Settlements & Neighborhood Centres](#)
[International Institute for Environment & Development](#)
[International Islamic Charitable Organization](#)
[International Journal of Refugee Law](#)
[International Network of Alternative Financial Institutions-Asia](#)
[International Orthodox Christian Charities](#)
International Refugee Research Institute
[International Rescue Committee](#)
[INTERSOS](#)
[Jesuit Refugee Service](#)
[Justice Africa](#)
[Kurdish Human Rights Watch](#)

Libyan League for Human Rights
[Lutheran World Federation](#)
[Marie Stopes International](#)
[Mercy Corps](#)
[Methodist Relief and Development Fund](#)
[Middle East Council of Churches, Unit on Life and Service](#)
[Migrant Forum in Asia](#)
[Oasis Trust](#)
[Ockenden International](#)
Pan African Organization for Sustainable Development
[Pax Christi International](#)
[Public Services International](#)
[Scalabrini Migration Center](#)
S.O.S Enfants Mauritaniens déportés au Sénégal et au Mali
Sudan Emancipation & Preservation Network
[UNANIMA International](#)
[UNI-Apro](#)
Unified Buddhist Church
[U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants](#)
[Western Hemisphere African Diaspora Network](#)
[World Federation for Mental Health](#)
[World Vision International](#)
ZOA Refugee Care

Afghanistan

[Afghan NGOs Coordination Bureau](#)
Afghan Public Welfare Organization
Ghazi Rural Support Program

Albania

Albanian Helsinki Committee
[Albanian Center for Economic Research](#)

Algeria

[El-Mustaqbal es-Sahrawi/El Futuro Saharai/The Sahrawi Future](#)
[Ligue Algérienne pour la Défense des Droits de l'Homme](#)

Angola

[Africa Humanitarian Action](#)

Armenia

[Helsinki Association](#)
Saved Relics

Australia

[A Just Australia - Australians for Just Refugee Programs](#)

[Anglicare Refugee and Migrant Services](#)

[Asylum Seekers Project, Hotham Mission](#)

[Australian Catholic Migrant & Refugee Office](#)

[Australians Caring for Refugees/AUSTCARE](#)

[Centre for Citizenship and Human Rights](#)

[Centre for Refugee Research](#)

[Ecumenical Migration Centre, Brotherhood of St. Laurence](#)

[National Association of Community Legal Centres in Australia](#)

[National Council of Churches in Australia](#)

[Refugee Council of Australia](#)

[Refugee and Immigration Legal Centre](#)

[Spare Lawyers for Refugees](#)

[Sydney PEN Centre – Writers in Detention Committee](#)

[Uniting Church in Australia](#)

Austria

[Asyl in Not](#)

[Asylkoordination Österreich/Asylum Coordination Austria](#)

[Austria](#)

[Deserteurs und Flüchtlingsberatung Wien](#)

[Diakonie/Protestant Refugee Service](#)

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[Association for the Protection of Women's Rights after D. Alieva](#)

[Human Rights Center of Azerbaijan](#)

[Women's Association for Rational Development](#)

Bangladesh

[Bangladesh Human Rights Network](#)

[Centre for Alternatives](#)

[Dhaka Ahsania Mission](#)

[Forum for Secular Bangladesh](#)

[Making Our Economy Right](#)

[National Development Society](#)

[Refugee and Migratory Movements Research](#)

[Unit, University of Dhaka](#)

[Shariatpur Development Society](#)

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[Vluchtelingenwerk Vlaanderen/Flemish](#)

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[Human Solidarity](#)

[SIN-DO](#)

Bosnia and Herzegovina

[Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in](#)

[Bosnia and Herzegovina](#)

[Vasa Prava](#)

Botswana

[Botswana Council of Churches](#)

[DITSHWANELO - The Botswana Centre for Human Rights](#)

Bulgaria

[Bulgarian Helsinki Committee, Refugee Unit](#)

Cambodia

[Khmer Kampuchea Krom Human Rights Organization \(KKKHRO\)](#)

Cameroon

[Cameroon Youths & Students Forum for Peace](#)

[Défis-Jeunes](#)

Canada

[Action Réfugiés Montréal](#)

[Canadian Council for Refugees](#)

[Canadian Helsinki Watch Group](#)

[Citizens for Public Justice](#)

[Inter Pares](#)

[Presbyterian World Service & Development](#)

[Primate's World Relief and Development Fund,](#)

[Anglican Church of Canada](#)

[Refuge Juan Moreno](#)

[Rights and Democracy](#)

[Save the Children](#)

Chad

[Action et Coopération pour le](#)

[Développement](#)

[Association Chrétienne pour la Coopération](#)

[Internationale au Développement](#)

[Institut Africain pour le Développement](#)

[Economique et Social](#)

[Jeunesse Sans Frontières](#)

China

[Asian Human Rights Commission](#)

Colombia

[Fundación Restrepo Barco](#)
[Instituto Libertad y Progreso](#)

Congo-Brazzaville

Association pour les Droits de l'Homme et l'Univers Carcéral
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Action pour le Développement et l'autopromotion des Communautés de base
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Association africaine de défense des droits de l'homme
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Afrique Secours et Assistance
Association Ivoirienne pour le Bien-Etre Familial
Carrefour Jeunesse
Espoir Jeunesse Africaine
Femmes Côte d'Ivoire Experience
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Association pour la Protection et l'Épanouissement de la Famille (APEF)

Egypt

[Africa and Middle East Refugee Assistance Arab Program For Human Rights Activists](#)
Committee to Defend Democracy
[Egyptian Organization for Human Rights](#)
[Ibn Khaldun Center for Development Studies](#)
[Land Center for Human Rights](#)
Refugee Center for Human Rights
South Center for Human Rights
Tadamon/Egyptian Refugee Multicultural Council

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Ethiopian Human Rights Council
Opportunities Industrialization Centers

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France

[Algeria-Watch](#)
[Association nationale d'assistance aux frontières pour les étrangers](#)
[Cimade, service oecuménique d'entraide](#)
[Coordination Française pour le Droit d'Asile](#)
[Forum des organisations de solidarité internationale issues des migrations](#)
[Forum réfugiés](#)
[Ligue des Droits de l'Homme](#)

Gambia

African Centre for Democracy and Human Rights Studies
[Institute for Human Rights and Development in Africa](#)

Germany

[Arche noVa - Initiative for People in Need](#)
[Deutsche Welthungerhilfe](#) (German Agro Action)
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Forschungsgesellschaft Flucht und Migration e.V./Research Center for Refuge and Migration
Ökumenische Bundesarbeitsgemeinschaft Asyl in der Kirche e.V./Ecumenical Consortium Church Asylum
[Pro Asyl - Human Rights Organization for Refugees in Germany](#)
[REFUGIO Munich](#)

Germany (continued)

[SOLWODI Deutschland e.V./Solidarity with Women in Distress](#)

Georgia

Agora
Ajara Regional Committee of National Network against Violence

[Caucasus Environmental NGO Network](#)

Contemporaneity and Heritage

[Cultural and Humanitarian Fund Sukhumi](#)

Education and Universe Fund of Women

Entrepreneurs Georgian Women's Employment

Supporting Association (AMAGDARI)

[IDP Women's organization – Cultural-](#)

[Humanitarian Fund "Sukhumi"](#)

[Partnership for Road Safety Society Biliki](#)

Union of Teachers "Education and Universe"

Woman and Health

Ghana

Assemblies of God Development Relief Services

[Catholic Action for Street Children](#)

Children's Foundation Ghana

Kids Foundation, Inc.

[RESPECT Refugees](#)

Self-help Initiative for Sustainable Development

[Women of Liberia Peace Network](#) (WOLPNET)

Greece

[Greek Council for Refugees](#)

[Greek Helsinki Monitor](#)

Minority Rights Group – Greece

Guinea

Action contre la Prostitution des Enfants et le Chômage des Jeunes

Today's Women International Network

Hungary

[Hungarian Helsinki Committee](#)

India

[Centre for Study of Society and Secularism](#)

[Don Bosco Ashalayam](#)

Jammu and Kashmir Council for Human Rights

[Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group](#)

Shepherd Department–St. Joseph's University

[South Asia Human Rights Documentation Center](#)

Indonesia

Maluku Masa Depan

TAPOL, the Indonesian Human Rights Campaign

Iran

Association for Protection of Refugee Women and Children/HAMI

Ireland

[Integrating Ireland Irish Council for Civil Liberties](#)

[Irish Refugee Council](#)

[Trócaire](#)

Israel and occupied territories

Acre Women's Association Pedagogical Center

[Agricultural Development Association/PARC](#)

[Al Mezan Center for Human Rights](#)

Committee in Defence of Democracy and Human Rights

[Palestinian Centre for Human Rights](#)

[Panorama - the Palestinian Center for the](#)

[Dissemination of Democracy & Community](#)

[Development](#), Jerusalem

Italy

[Italian Council for Refugees](#)

[Laboratorio del cittadino Castiglione del lago](#)

[Perugia](#)

Jordan

Adaleh Center for Human Rights Studies

Al Sharqiyah Orient House for Forced Migration

Human Forum for Women's Rights

Mizan, Law Group for Human Rights

Kazakhstan

Almaty Helsinki Committee

Kenya

Africa Rehabilitation and Education Program Foundation

Kenya Episcopal Conference - Catholic Secretariat

[Kenya Human Rights Commission](#)

Law Society of Kenya

Legal Resources Foundation Trust

[Refugee Consortium of Kenya](#)

Supreme Council of Kenya Muslims

Kyrgyzstan

[Kyrgyz Committee for Human Rights](#)

Mental Health and Society

Kyrgyzstan (continued)

Public Fund for Support of Civil Initiatives

Lebanon

A'idun

[Association Najdeh](#)

Caritas Lebanon - Migrant Centre

[Frontiers](#) (Ruwad)

Popular Aid for Relief and Development

Liberia

Foundation for Human Rights and Democracy

Friends of the Poor

[Movement for the Promotion of Gender Equality in Liberia](#)

Malaysia

[Aliran Kesedaran Negara](#)

(National Consciousness Movement)

[Malaysia Trade Union Congress](#)

[National Human Rights Society/HAKAM](#)

[SUARAM](#)

[Tenaganita/Women's Force](#)

Mauritania

Association d'aide aux veuves et aux orphelins de Mauritanie

[Organisation Contre les Violations des Droits Humains](#)

Mexico

[Centro de Derechos Humanos Fray](#)

[Bartolome de las Casas](#)

[Centro de Derechos Humanos Miguel](#)

[Agustin pro Juarez](#)

[Centro de Investigaciones Economicas y Politicas de Accion Comunitaria](#)

[Red Nacional de Organismos Civiles de Derechos Humanos Todos los Derechos para Todos](#)

[Sin Fronteras, I.A.P](#)

Moldova

Law Center of Advocates

Montenegro

Montenegrin Helsinki Committee

Morocco

Alter Forum

Namibia

Association for the Defense of Refugee Rights (Osire Camp)

[Legal Assistance Centre](#)

[National Society for Human Rights](#)

Nepal

Association of Human Rights Activists Bhutan
Bhutanese Refugees Aiding The Victims of Violence

[Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Studies](#)

[Centre for Protection of Minorities and Against Racism and Discrimination in Bhutan](#)

Destitute and Orphan Children Safeguarding Foundation Nepal

Group for International Solidarity

Human Rights Council of Bhutan

Human Rights Organization of Nepal

Institute of Human Rights Communication

International Institute for Human Rights, Environment and Development

Peoples Forum for Human Rights and Development, Bhutan

Tibetan Refugee Welfare Office

Netherlands

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[Philippine Seafarers Assistance](#)

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New Zealand

[Auckland Refugee Council](#)

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[RMS Refugee Resettlement](#)

Niger

Association Internationale pour les veuves et les orphelins

Association Nigérienne de Défense des Droits de l'Homme

Nigeria

[Centre for Law and Social Action Human Rights Law Service/HURILAWS](#)

NGO Platform for Humanitarian Services in Nigeria

[Nigerian Red Cross Society](#)

Refugee Relief Workers International

[Women's Consortium of Nigeria](#)

Norway

[Norwegian Church Aid](#)

[Norwegian Organisation for Asylum Seekers](#)

[Norwegian Refugee Council](#)

Pakistan

[Alternate Solutions Institute](#)

[Basic Education and Employable Skill Training](#)

International Human Rights Organization

[Society for Human Rights and Prisoners Aid](#)

[Women Empowerment Literacy and Development Organization](#)

Panama

[Fundación Libertad](#)

Papua New Guinea

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Philippines

UN Association of the Philippines

Portugal

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Russian Federation

Foundation of Association of Conflict Resolution,
Peace Education, Tolerance Building and Non-
Violence Educators (North Ossetia)

[“Memorial” Human Rights Center](#)

Sintem (Chechnya)

Woman and Child Protection League

Senegal

*Action humaine pour le développement intégré au
Sénégal*

[Office Africain pour le développement et la
cooperation](#)

[Rencontre Africaine pour la Defense des Droits de
l'Homme](#)

West African Refugees and Internally Displaced
Persons Network

Serbia

[Council for the Defence of Human Rights and
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[Group 484](#)

[Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in Serbia](#)

[International Aid Network](#)

[Serbian Refugee Council](#)

Sierra Leone

Foundation for International Dignity

National Forum for Human Rights

Save Heritage and Rehabilitate the

Environment

Somalia

Center for Democracy and Human Rights

South Africa

[Lawyers for Human Rights](#)

[National Consortium for Refugee Affairs](#)

[Solidarity Peace Trust](#)

[Sudanese Refugee Association in South Africa](#)

South Korea

Liberty in North Korea

Spain

[Asociación Comisión Católica Española de
Migración](#)

[Comisión Española de Ayuda al Refugiado](#)

[Comité Internacional de Rescate](#)

Sri Lanka

[Association of War Affected Women](#)

Eminent Persons Group on Refugee and Migratory
Movements in South Asia

[Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka](#)

Sudan

[Africa Humanitarian Action](#) (Sudan)

Darfur Organization for Human Rights and
Development

Sudan Health Association

[Sudan Organisation Against Torture](#)

[Sudan Social Development Organization](#)

Youth Community Development Agency – South
Sudan

Sweden

[Caritas Sweden](#)

Swedish Network of Asylum and Refugee Support
Groups/FARR

Tanzania

[Center for Youth Development and
Adult Education/CELA](#)

[ForDIA – Concern for Development](#)

[Initiatives in Africa](#)

Refugee Self-Reliance Initiative

[Southern African Human Rights NGO](#)

Tanzania

[Network-Tanzania Chapter](#)

[Tanganyika Christian Refugee Service](#)

[Wanawake Wakatoliki Tanzania/Catholic](#)

[Women of Tanzania](#)

Thailand

[AKE Rice Mill Co., Ltd.](#)

Amorn Anurutdhikorn Law Office

[Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development](#)

[Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development](#)

Asian Research Center for Migration,

Chulalongkorn University

[C.M.P. Products Co., Ltd.](#)

Center for AIDS Rights

Chachoengsao Shrimp Farmers' Club

Coalition for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders

Construction Workers' Union of Thailand

[Council of Work and Environment-Related](#)

[Patients' Network of Thailand](#)

[Duang Prateep Foundation](#)

Federation of Bank and Financial Workers of Thailand

Federation of Thai Industries—Ayutthaya Chapter

[Foundation for Labour and Employment Promotion](#)

Friends Without Borders

Integrated System Co., Ltd.

[K.H. Textile Co., Ltd.](#)

[Karen Studies and Development Center](#)

Labour Congress Centre for Labour Unions of Thailand

[Labour Rights Promotion Network](#)

[Lawyers Council of Thailand](#)

Local Development Institute

[M Plus Filtration Co., Ltd.](#)

MAP Foundation

Migrant Workers and their Families Organization

[Mirror Foundation](#)

National Congress of Thai Labour

[Nawarat Patanakarn Public Co., Ltd.](#)

Plan Aluminum Co., Ltd.

[Population and Community Development Association](#)

Property Care Services Co., Ltd.

[Raks Thai Foundation](#)

Shrimp Farmers' Club of Bang Kla District

Shrimp Farmers' Club of Samutsakorn Province

[Shrimp Network Co., Ltd.](#)

Thailand (continued)

State Enterprise Workers Relations Confederation

[Thai Action Committee for Democracy in Burma](#)

Thai Catholic Commission for Migrants and Prisoners

[Thai Food Processors' Association](#)

[Thai Frozen Foods Association](#)

[Thai Labour Campaign](#)

Thai Labour Solidarity Committee

Thai Orchid Garden Enterprise Association

[Thai Rice Mills Association](#)

[Thailand Business Coalition on AIDS](#)

Thailand Electrical Appliance Workers' Federation

Women's League of Burma

Young People for Democracy Movement

[Young People Development Centers](#)

Turkey

[Association for Liberal Thinking](#)

Uganda

Association des Réfugiés Francophones

Congolese Refugee Development Association

Human Rights Network/HURINET

[Refugee Law Project, Makerere University](#)

Ukraine

Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union

United Kingdom

[Association of Visitors to Immigration Detainees](#)

[Asylum Welcome](#)

[Bail for Immigration Detainees](#)

Boaz Trust

[British Refugee Council](#)

[Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group](#)

[Immigration Advisory Service](#)

[Joint Council of the Welfare of Immigrants](#)

Liberation

[Muslim Hands](#)

[National Coalition of Anti-Deportation Campaigns](#)

[Refugee Action](#)

[Refugees Into Teaching in Scotland](#)

Sudanese in Diaspora

[Tearfund](#)

United States

[Action for Human Development and Cooperation](#)

Ahwaz Human Rights Organization

[American Immigration Lawyers Association](#)

United States (continued)

[American Jewish World Service](#)
[American Refugee Committee International](#)
[Burma Border Projects](#)
[Center for International Policy](#)
Chaldean Federation of America
[Church World Service, Immigration and Refugee Program](#)
[Citizens for Global Solutions](#)
[Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism](#)
[Concern America](#)
Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd
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[Doctors of the World](#)
[Episcopal Migration Ministries](#)
[Evangelical Lutheran Church in America](#)
[Ethiopian Community Development Council](#)
[Exodus World Service](#)
[Foundation for Democracy in Africa](#)
[FORGE](#)
[Freedom House](#)
[Heartland Alliance for Human Needs and Human Rights](#)
[Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society \(HIAS\)](#)
[Hmong National Development](#)
[Human Rights First](#)
[Institute of Cultural Affairs in the U.S.A.](#)
[International Refugee Rights Initiative](#)
[Iranian Refugees' Alliance](#)
[Jubilee Partners](#)
[Lexington Institute](#)
[Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service](#)
[Lutheran World Relief](#)
[M.K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence](#)
[Muslim Peace Fellowship](#)
[National Association of Evangelicals](#)
[National Coalition for Haitian Rights](#)
[National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights](#)
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[Planet Care/Global Health Access Program](#)
[Refugees International](#)
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[Southeast Asia Resource Action Center](#)
[Unitarian Universalist Service Committee](#)
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Human Rights Society of Uzbekistan

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Committee for the Somali Interest, Conservation and Community Affairs
National Organization for Defending Rights and Freedoms
Women's Forum for Research and Training

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