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## High-level Panel

### COP29: Strengthening Global Cooperation on Integrated Solutions

#### for Human Mobility in the context of Climate Change

*Date: 18 November 2024*

*Time: 15:30-16:30*

*Venue: Baku Stadium, Blue Zone, Zone E, Azerbaijan Pavilion, Conference Room 1*

*Working language: English*

## Concept note

### 1. Background

In recent years, the negative consequences of climate change have a greater impact on migration, and it is not excluded that this trend will increase further. While climate change is not the sole reason why people move, it is increasingly becoming a significant part of the process. The effects of climate change are seen around the world in the form of temperature increases, precipitation variability, heat waves, droughts, forest fires and melting glaciers, which affect livelihoods, including food and water security. In 2023, disasters led to some 26.4 million internal displacements, with 7.7 million people still living in displacement at the end of the year.

Currently, the issue of collective understanding of the complex relationship between migration, environment and climate change, taking collective action to identify solutions for people who intend to migrate and already migrating due to climate change, promoting dialogue in this direction, as well as increasing special attention to this topic occupies an important place in the international agenda. There is a need to further improve current policies on human mobility in the context of climate change in line with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration and other related international instruments.

Therefore, during the 2024 UN Climate Change Conference (UNFCCC COP29), a High-Level Panel will be jointly organized by the State Migration Service of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the International Organization for Migration under the theme of “COP29: Strengthening Global Cooperation on Integrated Solutions for Human Mobility in the context of Climate Change”. The Panel discussion will focus on the nexus between migration, environment and climate change and foster global cooperation for developing integrated solutions to address the multifaceted challenges of human mobility in the context of climate change.

## **2. Objectives**

Within the framework of COP29, the Panel discussion will provide an opportunity to increase the awareness of relevant stakeholders regarding the impact of climate change on migration processes, as well as to promote dialogue on this topic at the global level between governments, international organizations, NGOs and the private sector. It will also aim to identify and promote inclusive and holistic strategies that address the drivers and consequences of climate-induced human mobility, and to formulate actionable policy recommendations to support affected communities and enhance resilience.

## **3. Questions for discussion**

The following questions will guide the discussion:

- How has climate change influenced human mobility patterns in different regions and what are the emerging trends and future scenarios for climate-induced human mobility?
- What are the strengths and weaknesses of existing policy framework on climate-induced human mobility and to what extent are they integrated/aligned with international instruments on climate change?
- How can international cooperation be strengthened to prevent and minimize the negative effects of climate change on human mobility? How can partnerships between governments, NGOs, and international organizations be enhanced to develop more inclusive and comprehensive solutions?
- What are some successful examples of best practices and integrated approaches that can help countries to better manage climate-induced mobility?
- How can we ensure that policy recommendations from this Panel discussions are implemented effectively?