

**REMARKS OF THE DELEGATION OF ERITREA DURING FIRST INFORMAL
THEMATIC SESSION WILL ADDRESS "HUMAN RIGHTS OF ALL MIGRANTS, SOCIAL
INCLUSION, COHESION AND ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION, INCLUDING
RACISM, XENOPHOBIA AND INTOLERANCE"
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PANEL #1 HUMAN RIGHTS OF ALL MIGRANTS

Thank you Mr. Moderator.

I would also like to thank the panelists for their insightful presentations.

The world continue to witness widespread anti-migrant sentiments, xenophobia and discrimination against migrants. Migration remains unsafe many irregular migrants who are falling prey to human smugglers and traffickers. Migrants the face the danger of abuse and violation of their liberties in detention facilities. In some incarceration camps in our region, the misery of migrants in transit is compounded due to policy host country policy to open those camps to armed groups who abuse migrants and conduct forced recruitment. Migrants are being scapegoats for fears of crime, unemployment and cultural erosion. Many migrants work in disproportionately vulnerable situations with minimum or no physical, social of economic safety net. Migrants are also facing chain of hindrances in their effort to maintain their cultural identity and link with the country of origin as well as contribute to its development, sometimes by virtue of their country of origin.

Migrant rights in human right. The violation of the rights of migrants invariably affects their contribution to countries of origin and destination. Therefore, the protection of migrants in transit and destination must underpin any international compact for migration governances. In the interest of brevity, I would like make the following points:

1. Protect the rights and dignity of migrants through strengthening legal mechanism to ensure impartial and effective access of migrants to justice as well as remove the barriers for remedies and redress regardless of their migratory status in the host country.

2. Promote the right of migrants to maintain link with their country of origin, including through legal protection their rights for assembly and association.
3. Detention centers in countries of transit and destination should be used as a last resort. Ensuring the physical and mental safety of migrants in detention, including safeguarding detention camps from being centers of political agitation and armed recruitment.
4. Protect the economic and social rights through non-discriminatory access to health, education, vocational training, employment, financial inclusion as well as appropriate recognition of educational and employment experiences.
5. Intensify international and regional cooperation for combat and eradicate trafficking and smuggling of persons.
6. Promote responsible and factual media coverage as well as introduces education curricula and awareness campaigns in order to promote tolerance and understanding as well as to combat prejudice and stigmatization of migrants.

My delegation will make a more detailed submission in writing.

Thank you!