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Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of  
human rights in the context of climate change, Ian Fry**

**Report on “Providing legal options to protect the human rights of persons displaced across  
international borders due to climate change.”  
([A/HRC/53/34](#))**

Mr. President,

The Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI) welcomes the report of the Special Rapporteur.

As we witness the alarming consequences of climate change unfold, millions of individuals and communities are being uprooted from their homes and forced to journey across borders.

We are concerned at the impact on the enjoyment of human rights due to climate-induced displacement, as documented in the report. In many instances, these violations affect communities who already are living in vulnerable situations.

As such, we are deeply concerned about the lack of adequate legal protection afforded to persons displaced across international borders due to climate change.

We share the Special Rapporteur’s recommendation to States and UN agencies to develop national and international legal frameworks that effectively protect the human rights of persons displaced across international borders and address the unique challenges they face throughout their journey.

Moreover, GANHRI stresses the importance of integrating a gender-based approach in all measures addressing climate-induced displacement, as women and girls face unique and exacerbated vulnerabilities.

Mr. President,

In its resolution 51/31, the Human Rights Council explicitly recognized the critical contributions that NHRI can offer in addressing the human rights impact of climate change.

NHRIs are uniquely placed to promote and protect the rights of persons affected by climate migration, collect data, monitor and report on violations of their rights, engage on climate justice and hold duty bearers to account.

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Last month, GANHRI Caucus on Human Rights and Climate Change organized a peer-learning webinar focusing on climate litigation where NHRIs from across regions discussed innovative ways to engage in climate justice and shared lessons learnt from their respective experiences.

GANHRI will continue to support the mandate, and work with our partners to offer sustainable solutions to climate change, that are people and human rights centered.

I thank you Mr. President.