

Egypt Statement
Interactive Dialogue with Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons & Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary, or arbitrary executions - Item 3

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Mr. President,

Allow me to extend my thanks to the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons for his significant presentation today. His thematic focus in his report on the particular situation of internally displaced women is certainly an important topic to discuss. We also positively note the ongoing collaboration between the Special Rapporteur and the regional and international organizations, such as African regional organizations and mechanisms, and the International Organization for Migration in that respect.

We realize that important steps have been taken over the past decades to improve international and national responses to the diverse assistance, protection and durable solutions to challenges faced by Internally Displaced Women, however, discussions of these issues did not actively engage Internally Displaced Women sufficiently and enabled adequate responses to their concerns.

In that vein, our delegation is interested in requesting the Special Rapporteur's clarifications on the following: What would be the type of socioeconomic barriers which may affect the situation of internally displaced women, and what are the practical steps to be taken to make meaningful participation opportunities more accessible to internally displaced women. Furthermore, how can we closely examine the gender dimensions of displacement linked to the effects of climate change, in order to identify specific vulnerabilities and good practices in gender-sensitive protection, assistance, adaptation, mitigation, relocation and reconstruction processes?

Mr. President,

My delegation welcomes Mr. Hyens, and thank him for the rich insights he provided in his introductory remarks.

We read with great interest the content and findings of his present report dedicated to the subject of Lethal Armed Robotics. The report is an eye opener on a very important and challenging development in the course of weaponry research and development, and the relevant considerations in this regard, particularly with reference to the issues of the possible ramifications on the value of human lives, the calculation of the cost of war, as well as the possibility of the acquisition of this weapon by terrorist and organized crime networks or its usage for non-warfare related purposes. Also, the question of the adequacy of the existing international human rights and humanitarian law framework to this type of new lethal innovations is very relevant and invites to consider further study and consideration of the matter.

I thank you.