

**Statement by the delegation of Georgia
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Georgia aligns itself with the statement delivered on behalf of the European Union, yet I wish to make few national remarks.

First, we too, thank the distinguished introducers for their insightful contributions.

Georgia welcomes today's discussion on rights of migrants and migration-related issues, and in general, the OSCE's increased focus on such a complex issue as the large movement of migrants and refugees. The substantial work carried out within our organization in last few years, namely under the German, Austrian and this year's Italian OSCE Chairmanships in taking up, identifying and subsequently enhancing the OSCE's complimentary role in addressing migration related issues through its comprehensive approach to security is commendable. Adoption of a Hamburg MC Decision on OSCE's role in the Governance of Large Movements of Migrants and Refugees was an important milestone. It also shows that OSCE, despite its modest resources, is capable of undertaking a comprehensive effort and add value when faced with specific challenge.

While we remain engaged and support OSCE's work on migration, we should not leave out the issue of forced displacement and plight of vulnerable groups such as internally displaced persons, whose numbers are only increasing and to date, count several millions in the OSCE area. Hardships faced by IDPs directly affect several participating states of the OSCE, including my own and constitute a specific human security challenge.

Having said this, we join other delegations around the table in calling for launching a meaningful discussion on elaboration of a comprehensive international instrument to strengthen the protection of the rights of IDPs. The OSCE's unique assets and specific comparative advantages make it a fitting platform to launch this process.

Thank you.