

**Intersessional seminar  
on the implementation of the Plan of Action for Advancing Prevention, Protection and Solutions for  
Internally Displaced Persons 2018–2020 to mark the twentieth anniversary of the Guiding  
Principles on Internal Displacement**

**Thursday 29 October 2020, 9.30 – 12.00 / 14.00 – 16.00 (GVA time)**

**Closing Statement by**

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(moderator)**

Before I formally close the Human Rights Council Intersessional Seminar on the GP20 Plan of Action, I would like to thank all the speakers, panellists and those who took the floor. My thanks go to the main organisers – mainly from the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights mandated by the resolution to organize this seminar, and the close collaboration of the GP20 Secretariat and the co-chairs of the GP20. Much appreciation goes to the main sponsors – Austria, Uganda and Honduras – and the diverse sponsors – of the IDP resolution of the Human Rights Council for their support and steadfast commitment to the human rights of internally displaced persons.

As you know, the GP20 Plan of Action – which I convened in 2017 at the OHCHR and commenced in 2018 and will run until the end of this year – had broken new ground in terms of multi-stakeholder collaboration among Member States, UN agencies and civil society. It has an emphasis on the participation of internally displaced persons themselves throughout the process. As importantly, the GP20 Plan of Action has enhanced attention to the pressing issues of the national implementation of the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement, with particular focus on IDP participation, law and policy, data and analysis, and solutions. The GP20 slogan – Prevent, Protect, Resolve – continues and will continue to be relevant while we come to grips with the challenges as well as the opportunities to address the various situations of internal displacement situations – through a human rights lens and with a human rights-based approach. This Seminar has inspired all of us to do more, and do more effectively for the protection of and the human rights of internally displaced persons.

Thank you to everyone who have attended – together with the internally displaced persons themselves who continue to watch from their countries. I look forward to having the gains achieved and the opportunities created by the GP20 Plan of Action built on in the future, not only by the High Level Panel, but by all of us, together.