**Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons**

1. According to the International Organisation for Migration (IOM), Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) are referred as Persons or group of persons who have been forced or (IDPs) obliged to flee or to leave their homes or places of habitual residence, in particular as a result of or in order to avoid the effects of armed conflict, situations of generalised violence, violations of human rights or natural or home-made disasters, and who have not crossed an internationally recognised State border.
2. Contrary to the current situation concerning Internally Displaced Persons at the continental level, persons in Mauritius may exceptionally leave their habitual residence for reasons such as landslide and / or compulsory acquisition of their lands by Government for national projects.
3. As such, there are no Internally Displaced Persons in Mauritius.

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