

Guidelines for participants on registration and submissions

*Committee on Migrant Workers
Day of General Discussion 2005*

On 15 December 2005, the UN Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families will hold a day of general discussion in Geneva on "*Protecting the rights of all migrant workers as a tool to enhance development*". The discussion day is a public meeting at which government representatives, United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, inter-governmental organizations, non governmental organisations and individual experts are welcome.

Participation and oral statements

In order to facilitate the exchange of views between participants and Committee members, there will be two themes of discussion:

- (1) *Protection of human rights of migrant workers and members of their families and its impact on development in the **country of origin**.*
- (2) *Protection of human rights of migrant workers and members of their families and its impact on development in the **country of employment**.*

Please see the outline for more details on the two themes of discussion and their respective sub-themes.

The format of the discussion day is designed to enable participants to exchange views in a frank and open dialogue. The Committee therefore asks participants to **avoid presenting formal statements** during the discussion day.

Submission of written contributions

The Committee encourages the submission of written contributions or case studies on the themes of the discussion day. The submissions could include examples/case-studies/good practices and focus *inter alia* on the following non-exhaustive aspects:

1. *General*

- Consequences of an increased protection of the rights of migrant workers and members of their families on the development in both the country of origin and the country of employment
- Measures taken in the framework of the cooperation between States aimed at eliminating illegal movements and employment of migrant workers and their impact on development
- Importance and practical consequences of State's obligation to inform properly the migrant worker on his/her rights and conditions of his/her admission

2. *Protection of human rights of migrant workers and members of their families and its impact on development in the country of origin:*

- Means of facilitating the right of all migrant workers, as contained in article 32 of the Convention, to transfer their earnings and savings from the State of employment to their State of origin
- Means of facilitating the reintegration of returning migrant workers and members of their families, including promoting adequate economic conditions for their resettlement

3. *Protection of human rights of migrant workers and members of their families and its impact on development in the country of employment:*

- Respect for human rights, including non-discrimination, and integration of the migrant worker in the host society
- The role of equal treatment of all migrant workers in respect of remuneration and conditions of work in discouraging employment of irregular workers
- Measures taken to ensure that the situation of irregularity of migrant workers does not persist - including the possibility of regularising their situation - and their effect on migrant workers' capacity to contribute to the benefit of the society where they live and work

Written contributions may be submitted in English, French and Spanish. They will not be translated.

The deadline for the submission of written contributions is 30 October 2005. The Committee requests that written contributions be limited to a **maximum of 15 pages**. In order to facilitate the exchange of information, the Secretariat will make written contributions electronically available to registered participants. Please note that only written contributions received in **electronic form** (Word or Adobe Acrobat) will be made available. The Committee reserves the right not to accept contributions that do not respond to the themes suggested.

Previously published materials may also be submitted to the Committee, or distributed during the discussion day to other participants. Sufficient copies must be provided, as the Secretariat does not have resources for reproduction and distribution.

Registration

For organizational purposes, all participants are asked to submit their registration through the OHCHR website (<http://www.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cmw>), preferably before **30 October 2005**.

As this is a public meeting of the Committee on Migrant Workers, there is neither a registration fee, nor does the Committee send out individual invitations. **The United Nations is not able to provide assistance with visa, travel or accommodation arrangements.** Participants are responsible for all expenses and arrangements related to their participation in the discussion day.

Logistics

The discussion day will take place on Thursday 15 December 2005 from 10:00 am till 6:00 pm at the Palais Wilson (52 rue des Paquis) in Geneva. Participants are requested to bring identification documents, such as a passport, with them to the discussion day in order to obtain a security badge to enter the Palais Wilson.

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