

**Statement for the UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)
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Thank you, Madam Chair.

The United States recognizes the need for an all-of-government, all-of-society, and all-of-route approach in strengthening safe, orderly, and regular migration.

To minimize adverse drivers that compel people to leave their home countries, last fiscal year the United States provided nearly \$15 billion in humanitarian assistance globally. We believe that by tackling economic, governance, climate, and security challenges, people will first and foremost have the option to live good lives in their home countries.

However, we understand there are situations where people must migrate, and in these cases, we want people to migrate safely. The United States has led the largest expansion in decades of lawful pathways to the United States as part of our comprehensive and collaborative efforts to address the challenges of irregular migration and forced displacement in the Western Hemisphere. These include temporary worker opportunities, family reunification efforts, and humanitarian parole.

In the Western Hemisphere alone, hundreds of thousands of people have benefited from these expanded migration pathways, made more accessible through the Safe Mobility initiative in Colombia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, and Ecuador.

As of last week, more than 150,000 individuals have registered for the Safe Mobility initiative. Of those, more than 22,000 have been referred to refugee resettlement pathways and more than 13,000 have been referred for other lawful pathways.

Because of these efforts, every day more individuals are choosing safe, humane, and lawful pathways instead of undertaking dangerous journeys in search of safety and better opportunities. The United States remains committed to making progress on these efforts as we implement a robust multi-agency, multi-country plan to humanely manage migration.

Thank you.