

PERMANENT MISSION OF INDIA TO THE UN, GENEVA

HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

20TH SESSION (18th June to 6 July 2012)

**Action on Resolution A/HRC/20/L. 14: Human Rights of Internally
Displaced Persons**

(5 July 2012)

Statement by India

Madam President,

We have studied the draft Resolution, participated in the informal meetings and heard the discussions and the reasoning of the sponsors on the introduction of this Resolution. We are of the view that Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) enjoy the same national rights and freedoms as other persons in their country. Accordingly, the State responsibility and decisions on Internally Displaced persons are paramount. International or UN Agencies involvement with IDPs should be on the request of the State or unless the State is manifestly unwilling or unable to discharge its responsibilities towards its people.

2. We note that the proposed Resolution addresses issues that are not within the expertise of the Human Rights Council such as Climate Change. The UNFCCC and the International Panel on Climate Change are seized with the complex issue of Climate Change and its impact.

3. With the above consideration and in the spirit of cooperation, India will go along with the Consensus.

Thank you, Madam President.
