

The Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre congratulates Cecilia Jimenez-Damary on her appointment as the new Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons

Monday, 3 October 2016 (Geneva) – The Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC) congratulates Cecilia Jimenez-Damary on her appointment as the new Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons. The announcement was made on Friday, 30 September, by the UN Human Rights Council during its 33rd session.

With her unique combination of human rights and humanitarian experience, Ms Jimenez-Damary brings a wealth of knowledge to this position. She has worked in the field of human rights for nearly 30 years at the local, national and international levels with NGOs, national human rights institutions, UN agencies and governments. As an international lawyer specializing in human rights law, she has provided training and lectures on the rights of internally displaced persons and written articles on a range of topics related to internal displacement and migration issues. She has been a vocal IDP advocate in numerous national and international fora, and also has lengthy representation experience serving as a board member of international human rights NGOs, as well as an NGO representative to the UN.

Since 2013, she has worked as National Manager of the Philippine Commission on Human Rights' special project on Internally Displaced Persons. Prior to that, she worked for five years at IDMC as a Senior Legal Advisor and Training Officer, where, among other valuable contributions, she developed the IDMC training module on durable solutions to displacement. She is also member of the Consultative Committee of the Nansen Initiative which works on protection of cross-border migration in the context of disasters

“We are happy that Ms. Jimenez-Damary’s long-term commitment to human rights and internally displaced persons has been recognized with this appointment” said Alexandra Bilak, Director of IDMC. “We are looking forward to collaborating with her again in her new role and to supporting her mandate.”

About the Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC)

The Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC) (<http://www.internal-displacement.org>) was established by the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) in 1998. Monitoring internal displacement caused by conflict, violence, human rights violations and natural disasters worldwide, the Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC) is widely respected as the leading source of information and analysis on internal displacement throughout the world.

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