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ABSTRACT	<p>Launched in May 2014 at the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) in Stockholm, following a call for action during the 2013 UN General Assembly High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development, the MICIC Initiative is a governmentled process co-chaired by the United States and the Philippines. It seeks to improve the ability of States, the private sector, international organizations, and civil society to prepare for and respond to the needs of migrants in countries experiencing conflicts or natural disasters, including by protecting their rights and dignity and by alleviating suffering.</p> <p>Following the launch of the MICIC Initiative, the co-chairs and the working group followed a broad and inclusive evidence-gathering and consultative process.</p> <p>These non-binding and voluntary Principles, Guidelines, and Practices are the culmination of the efforts described above. They apply to situations in which migrants are present in a country experiencing a conflict or natural disaster. They relate to crisis preparedness, emergency response, and post-crisis action and provide practical, non-binding, voluntary guidance for States, private sector actors, international organizations, and civil society to protect migrants.</p> <p>These Principles, Guidelines, and Practices can be used to plan, prepare, and assess actions and to improve responses for the benefit of migrants, their families, and societies.</p>
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