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### International migrants day

On December 18, International Migrants Day, AI welcomes the landmark events that have taken place in the relation to the issue of international migration this year. The Convention on the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families came into force on 1 July 2003. In addition, an independent Global Commission on International Migration (GCIM) was inaugurated in Geneva on 9 December 2003.

However, the everyday reality for many migrants all around the globe remains a bleak one. Vilified by politicians and the popular media, often subject to discrimination and human rights violations, many migrants continue to live their lives at the margins of societies unwilling to accept or integrate them fully. AI urges all states that have not already done so to ratify the Migrant Workers Convention, and to keep human rights at the heart of any 'migration management' policies.

AI's refugee website features the latest developments in the global migrants' rights regime, including an update on the Committee on the Rights of Migrant Workers, and on the new Global Commission on International Migration. The website also features the stories of Burkinabè, who had been migrant workers in Cote d'Ivoire, but had been forced to flee to Burkina Faso. Often targeted for attack in the conflict in Cote d'Ivoire, many Burkinabè have not had an easy homecoming to Burkina Faso, where they struggle to make a living.

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