International Migrants Day, December 18, 2015.

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**Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration Catherine Wiesner delivers a message on International Migrants Day at Department of State**

"Today is International Migrants Day when we pay tribute to those who venture abroad in search of safety, dignity, and a better life.

Refugee and migration crises have captured the attention of the world this year. In recent months we have witnessed migrants packed into flimsy rubber dinghies, parents passing young babies over barbed wire, and lines of desperate people trekking unimaginable distances.

Whether they are escaping war, poverty, or simply seeking opportunity, the quests on which migrant embark can benefit everyone, from families back home that rely on their earnings, to employers abroad who need their energy and skill. In fact, the remittances that migrants send home provide more resources to many of the world’s poorest nations than official development assistance does. And in countries with labor shortages or aging populations, migrants can propel economies forward.

The vast majority of the more than 200 million people who migrate each year make the trip legally. But for many others legal channels aren’t accessible. So they make difficult decisions to travel without documents, and live and work in the shadows, vulnerable to exploitation and abuse. Migrants who attempt perilous journeys have been detained, tortured, or kidnapped. This year alone, more than 3600 men, women and children died tragically attempting to cross the Mediterranean Sea. Regardless of their legal status, all deserve to be protected and treated humanely. And all countries should help, not just the ones next door.

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