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Human Rights and Climate Forced Migration

This submission focuses primarily on Question Three under review by the Tribunal: "What is the extent of responsibility and liability of States and non-state actors for violations of human rights and for environmental and climate harm caused by these oil and gas extraction techniques." It will argue that the continued increase in greenhouse emissions is forcing those who have least contributed to the climate crisis to make the extremely difficult decision to leave the homes where they have lived for millennia. Attached is a law review article that describes the enormous governance and human rights challenges of climate-forced community relocation. The issues identified in the article are still present today and tragically no community has yet been able to relocate despite the accelerating changes to the climate and the danger to their lives.