

## Refugees and Global Migration

### Acronyms and abbreviations

**EU**—European Union

**GCM**—Global Contract on Migration

**GCR**—Global Contract on Refugees

**IDP**—Internally displaced person

**IOM**—International Organization for Migration

**UNHCR**—United Nations High Commission for Refugees (The UN Refugee Agency)

**UNRWA**—United Nations Relief and Works Agency

### Glossary

**1951 Refugees Convention:** A legal agreement upheld by 145 countries and the UNHCR that outlines who refugees are, their rights, and states' responsibilities to protect refugees.

**1967 Protocol:** A legal agreement that expanded and updated the terms of the 1951 Refugee agreement.

**Angela Merkel:** Current Chancellor of Germany since 2005. She is Germany's first female chancellor and world-renowned for her political efforts and accomplishments. She allowed Germany to accept many migrants during the 2015 migration crisis.

**Asylum seeker:** The definition of an asylum seeker can vary from state to state, but a person who formally applies to migrate due to persecution or danger in the home country.

**Chernobyl:** 1986 nuclear explosion in the Chernobyl nuclear plant in the Ukraine, causing the area around the plant to become inhospitable.

**Christmas market attack:** On December 19, 2016, a truck drove into a crowd at a Berlin Christmas market, killing 12 and injuring dozens more. The driver was an immigrant from Tunisia, sparking controversy about Germany's regulations of migrants and migration.

**EU-IOM Joint Initiative on Migrant Protection and Reintegration:** A program that began in 2016 that facilitates and supports the safe reintegration of migrants into 26 African countries from the European Union.

**European Commission:** A part of the European Union responsible for creating and enforcing legislation in Europe.

**Family Units:** In terms of migration, the number of individuals apprehended with a family member.

**Frontex:** European Border and Coast Guard Agency. It supports EU countries' border control and assists border authorities in the EU.

**Global Contract on Migration:** An intergovernmental agreement created by the UN to ensure more orderly and safe migration throughout the world, addressing issues such as environmental disasters, climate change, and emergency situations.

**Global Contract on Refugees:** An agreement drafted by the UNHCR to alleviate the toll refugee presence has on host countries through supporting refugee independence and aid from other countries, as well as working to ameliorate conditions that cause refugees to be displaced.

**Maria Ladenburger:** 19-year-old German student murdered by a migrant who had a criminal record in Greece. Her death sparked tensions about migrant presence in Germany and the EU.

**Nicolás Maduro:** Current president of Venezuela since 2013.

**Northern Triangle:** El Salvador, Honduras, and Guatemala. Many people have sought to leave this region as asylum seekers due to violence and economic issues.

**Refugee:** The definition of a refugee can vary from state to state, but is usually someone who has been displaced by danger in their home country.

**Repatriation:** Returning someone to their home country.

**Sahel region:** Region of western and north Africa below the Sahara Desert, from Senegal to Sudan and Eritrea.

**Schengen Area:** 26 European states that have a common visa policy allowing for free and open travel between member states.

**Three Gorges Dam:** A Chinese national development project to build a dam over the Yangtze River that displaced over 1 million people along the river.

**“Trump effect”:** Term used to describe the sharp decrease in illegal migration into the United States immediately after President Donald Trump took office in January 2017.

**U.S. Border Patrol:** Federal law enforcement agency that prevents the presence of illegal immigrants, terrorism, and illegal trafficking in the United States.

**Yugoslavia:** A former European country that in 1991 was disbanded into Serbia, Croatia, Slovenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Kosovo and Macedonia.