

## Statement accompanying the Declaration on Missing Persons

The term "forcibly disappeared" is not strictly legal term, but rather underlines circumstances under which a person disappeared, regardless of the different legal qualifications under international and national laws. This clarification is provided to avoid any misunderstandings or interpretation of the term "forcibly disappeared" as "enforced disappearance" which have clear legal meaning defined by the International Convention for Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (2006). A person might "forcibly disappeared" as a consequence of an acts committed by the individual, military, paramilitary, political, or other group or organization in connection with the conflict.

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