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BUFFALO HUMAN RIGHTS LAW REVIEW

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Climate change increasingly poses humanitarian concerns for the international community.¹ Populations that rely on the environment for survival are the most vulnerable to environmental degradation and often the least able to adapt to climate changes.² Large numbers of “climate change refugees from across the globe has already migrated or been displaced from natural disasters and climate changes.³ Projections of increasing internal and international human migration are staggering.⁴ “This reality raises not only profound justice questions, but also geopolitical, national security, and economic ones. As places become unlivable, climate change refugees will increase, as will the risk of armed conflict in some of the most impacted areas”⁵

Scholars primarily discuss planned relocation and climate change refuge, both proactive and reactive, as a climate change adaptation strategy for least developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing states (SIDS).⁶ However there is growing concern about the sufficiency of legal structures at the international level and in developed nations receiving climate change refugees.⁷ Scholars propose independent conventions and domestic legislative amendment.⁸

This paper proposes legal flexibility as a climate change adaptation strategy for the United States. Proactively creating sufficient legal structures that will protect the rights of those forced to relocate as a result of climate changes, while protecting the economic and national security interests of the United States, is a necessary element of a National adaptation plan.⁹ Regardless of the growing momentum around recognizing human mobility in the United Nations Framework

¹ Andrea C. Loux, *The Persistence of the Ancient Regime: Custom, Utility, and the Common Law in the Nineteenth Century*, 79 *Cornell Law Review* 183, 210-213 (1993).

² Magid, *supra*, note 11.

³ *June Carabell, Keith Carabell & Harvey Gordenker v. U.S. Army of Corps of Engineers*, 391 Fed.3d 704, 709 (6th Circuit 2006)

⁴ Nate Silver, *Why It's Hard to Score the Fiscal Deal*, *FiveThirtyEight Blog*, *New York Times* (January 3, 2014, 1:45 p.m.), <http://fivethirtyeight.blogs.nytimes.com/2014/01/02/why-its-hard-to-score-the-fiscal-deal/>.

⁵ Hari M. Osofsky, McAllister, Leslie K., *CLIMATE CHANGE LAW AND POLICY*, page 378 (2012).

⁶ *Connecticut Gens. Statute § 9-365*, 2012.

⁷ Alex Miller, *Sugar Dating: A New Take on an Old Issue*, 20 *BUFF. J. GENDER, L. & SOC. POL'Y* 33, 34 (July 15 2012).

⁸ Amy L. Kluesner, *And They're Off: Eliminating Drug Use in Thoroughbred Racing*, 3 *Harvard Journal of Sports and Entertainment Law* 297, 308-310 (2012).

⁹ Yusri Mohamed & Maya Gebeily, *First Fuel Since Start of War Delivered to United Nations in Gaza*, *REUTERS* (November 15, 2023) <https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/first-truck-with-fuel-begins-crossing-into-gaza-egypt-2023-11-15/>.

Convention on Climate Change and recent progress in Paris the United States should take measures to recognize international and internal climate migrants.¹⁰ The Intergovernmental panel on Climate Change (IPCC)'s most recent report to policy-makers warns that greenhouse gas emissions are at a historical high and clearly influence the climate system.¹¹ Climate changes already, and will continue, to have widespread impacts on human and natural systems."¹² The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the United Nations' refugee agency, has growing concern about climate change and its humanitarian impacts on least developed countries (LDCs)¹³ LDC's are "climate change hotspots," where changes will "force people into increasing poverty and displacement, exacerbating the factors that lead to conflict."¹⁴ Increasing climate change induced displacement poses a complex challenge for responding to humanitarian needs.¹⁵

Post-industrial economic and population growth drive greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, creating unprecedented atmospheric concentrations of carbon-dioxide methane and nitrous oxide.¹⁶ GHG emissions and other anthropogenic forces are extremely likely to have been this leading cause of vast changes to the global climate system since the mid-20th century.¹⁷ Earth's atmosphere and ocean warming while snow and ice are diminishing. Combined, land and ocean surface temperatures show a global average warming of 0.85C from 1880 to 2012.¹⁸

¹⁰ Medtronic, Incorporated. v. Nuvasive, Incorporated, No. IPR2014-00073, Paper 31, at 4 (Patent Trial and Appeal Board October 3, 2014).

¹¹ Aluminum Scuba Tank Buoyancy Compensation System, US Patent Number 5,788,475 (filed November 5, 1996) (issued August 4, 1998).

¹² Manfred Nowak & Elizabeth McArthur, *The United Nations Convention Against Torture: A Commentary* 28 (Oxford Univ. Press, 1st ed. 2008).

¹³ William A. Schabas, *The International Legal Prohibition of Genocide Comes of Age*, 5 *Human Rights Review*, 47 (2004).

¹⁴ Kluesner, *supra* 8, at 309

¹⁵ See Weissbrodt, David and Anti-Slavery International (2002) "Abolishing Slavery and its Contemporary Forms," Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, United Nations, New York and Geneva p. 2, available at: <http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/slaveryen.pdf>.

¹⁶ See Rep. of the Working Grp. On China U.N. Doc. A/HRC/11/25, at para.2. (29 May 2009). See: Article five of the ECHR, Council of Europe Treaty Series No. 5, 1950.

¹⁷ The Ruling (Jerusalem District Court) 6749/08/11 2013 State of Israel v D.A. and others, hereinafter: the Jerusalem Court Conviction.

¹⁸ Johanna E. Bond, *International Intersectionality: A Theoretical and Pragmatic Exploration of Women's International Human Rights Violations*. Vol. 52 *EMORY LAW JOURNAL* 71 (2003) pp. 157-158, see.

The IPCC's report also points out that "each of the last three decades has been successively warmer at the Earth's surface than any preceding decades since 1850", and the last 30 years are likely the warmest 30-year period the Northern Hemisphere has seen in the last 1400 years.¹⁹ Ocean surface waters (upper 75 m) have increased by 0.11°C per decade from 1971 to 2010, and it is 'virtually certain' that the upper 700 m of ocean has warmed during the same period.²⁰

¹⁹ see e.g. UN COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS, General Comment 7, Forced evictions, and the right to adequate housing (Sixteenth session, 1997), U.N. Doc. E/1998/22, annex IV at 113 (20 May 1997), paras. 14 and 16.

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