International Migration

The United Nations as a global forum for the promotion of international migration policies has contributed to the global migration agenda, which has gained momentum since the 1990s. The growing importance of the issue is reflected in the United Nations General Assembly's Third Committee's steady increase in the number of its meetings on migration issues, from 1994 to 2004.

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) has played a significant role in the global migration agenda, providing expertise and support to governments, in particular in the areas of migrant smuggling and trafficking.

Recent developments in international migration have been driven by economic factors, such as the global economic crisis, and by demographic changes, such as the aging of the population.

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