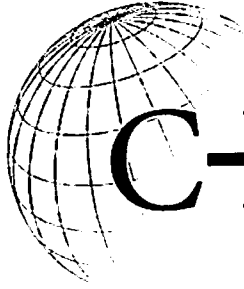


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The effects of urbanization and migration are frequently addressed in UN resolutions and

debates on a whole host of topics ranging from the economy to the environment and global health.

Families are greatly affected by urbanization and migration. Living and working conditions in cities as well as the risks and precariousness involved in migration too often contribute to

parents to determine the type of education their children receive, safeguarding the right of children to a cultural and religious identity, and most importantly in the context of human mobility, realizing the right of children to know and be cared for by their mother and father and be reunited with them speedily.

These related obligations underpin many existing commitments in UN agreements, including the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, and the Habitat agenda for human settlements with regard to family reunification, family housing