



## Introduction

The International Accountability Project (hereafter IAP) is a San Francisco-based human rights





Predictions of forced displacement occurring on an unprecedented scale are already being borne out today.<sup>24</sup> With climate change increasing the intensity and frequency of extreme weather events, large-scale humanitarian disasters have quadrupled in number over the past twenty years.<sup>25</sup> A recent UN report found that climate-related natural disasters forced 20 million people to flee their homes last year, nearly four times as many as those displaced by conflict.<sup>26</sup>

of the entire nation may be permanently under water (Stern 2007, p.129). With millions of people in Bangladesh living less than one meter above sea level (Meyers



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<sup>23</sup> This estimate is also cited by a number of leading bodies,







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