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From the editors

The region of Latin America and the Caribbean has long demonstrated hospitality towards those fleeing conflict and persecution within the region and further afield. Faced with newer causes of displacement, such as the violence of organised criminal gangs and the adverse effects of climate change, Latin American and Caribbean countries are continuing to expand and adapt their protection laws and mechanisms in order to address these and other situations of displacement and to meet the differing needs of affected populations.

In his Foreword to this issue, the High Commissioner for Refugees applauds the region's tradition of solidarity and humanitarianism, and recognises the Brazil Declaration and Plan of Action of 2014 as "an important model of honest, transparent and dedicated regional cooperation for the world". Although Latin America and the Caribbean still face significant challenges that require urgent attention, and the number of asylum applications continues to rise, there is much to commend in the region's continuing commitment to provide protection, and much to learn from its varied, often innovative approaches.

As we go to print, Mexico and a number of Caribbean countries are suffering the devastating effects of natural disasters, and many people have been displaced. Some of the articles in this issue discuss research findings and new tools relevant to such situations.

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30th anniversary: The first issue of FMR's predecessor, the RPN Newsletter, was published in November 1987 and so with this issue we celebrate our 30th anniversary! We've taken the opportunity to refresh our cover design, and would like to thank all those who have engaged with us over these three decades: readers, authors, donors, advisors and colleagues. See www.fmreview.org/30th-anniversary for our reflections on the past 30 years.

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