



American Model United Nations
General Assembly Third Committee

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Protection of migrants

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly Third Committee

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- 1 *Having considered* the International Migration and Development Report 68/190 of 25 July 2013 and its
2 efforts to address issues facing migrants,
- 3 *Aware* of the large number of international migrants transiting through the world,
4 *Deeply concerned* by the discrimination and exploitation faced by migrants,
5 *Recognizing* the positive impact of the work of international migrants on the global economy,
6 *Recalling* General Assembly resolution 69/167 of 18 December 2014 and its emphasis on freedom of movement
7 and residence, and the right to human dignity offered by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,
8 *Acknowledging* the financial burden placed on transit and destination countries,
9 *Reaffirming* the definition of "refugee" offered by the 1951 Refugee Convention,
10 *Desiring* to clarify host States' humanitarian and social responsibilities in the migration process,
- 11 1. *Encourages* all Member States to distinguish between voluntary migrants, involuntary migrants, and
12 refugees in order to comprehensively address the unique needs of each group;
- 13 2. *Requests* that States acknowledge the agreed upon distinctions between different types of migrants;
- 14 3. *Recognizes* that voluntary migrants, involuntary migrants, and refugees have distinct needs that require
15 individual attention in order to be met in a comprehensive and humanitarian way;
- 16 4. *Calls upon* Member States to take appropriate and effective action regarding the following needs of
17 migrants;
- 18 5. *Requests* that, due to voluntary and involuntary migrants seeking permanent residence in a country of
19 destination, Member States implement more efficient legal channels for migrants to obtain permanent resident status;
- 20 6. *Further requests* that Member States provide opportunities for employment, education, and language
21 training to migrants to aid integration into countries of destination;
- 22 7. *Urges* Member States to enforce migrants' right to residence through legal means within their borders;
- 23 8. *Further calls upon* Member States to take appropriate and effective action regarding the following needs
24 for refugees by:
- 25 (a) Encouraging Member States to provide protection for the personal safety of refugees in refugee
26 camps;
- 27 (b) Emphasizing the importance of community services for refugees, particularly the children who
28 may be unaccompanied;
- 29 (c) Urging Member States to respect the human rights of refugees, especially women and unaccom-
30 panied children;
- 31 9. *Urges* the following actions to address the common issues facing migrants and refugees;
- 32 10. *Strongly urges* all Member States to support collaborative measures to protect migrants and refugees
33 while in transit, including supporting rescue operations, particularly at sea, that would save the lives of those leaving
34 their homeland;

35 11. *Suggests* the creation of Emergency Transit Centers (ETCs) to provide points of documentation at
36 both places of origin and destination, to establish safe transit passageways, and to eliminate the demand for human
37 traffickers:

38 (a) Accepts the assistance of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in coordinating
39 ETCs in partnership with Member States;

40 12. *Implores* Member States to provide health services to migrants and refugees, especially women and
41 children, regardless of migration status;

42 13. *Condemns* expressions of racism, xenophobia, discrimination, and other forms of intolerance toward
43 migrants;

44 14. *Strongly urges* Member States to continue efforts to combat hate crimes and other forms of violence
45 that prevent migrants from fulfilling their economic goals and contributing to the global economy, by prosecuting
46 offenders to the fullest extent of the law;

47 15. *Endorses* efforts by Member States to increase training for teachers, as well as supplies, in order to
48 better provide education for migrant children;

49 16. *Implores* Member States to recognize and protect the human rights of migrants and refugees regardless
50 of migration status.

Passed, Yes: 63 / No: 26 / Abstain: 25