



American Model United Nations
General Assembly Third Committee

GA Third/II/2

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Protection of migrants

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly Third Committee

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1 *Respecting* the sovereignty of all Member States regarding their ability to enact immigration policy as they
2 see fit and the need to honor and promote the rule of law:

3 1. *Respecting* Member States' rights to ensure adequate resource distribution among citizens before
4 taking on unprecedented numbers of migrants with limited resources,

5 *Reaffirming* past resolutions and conventions such as the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 10
6 December 1948, the New York Declaration of Migrants and Refugees of 19 September 2016, and goals 7, 8,15, and
7 23 of the UN Global Compact for Migration (GCM) 19 December 2018,

8 *Emphasizing* the distinction between individuals who are considered migrants and those who are considered
9 refugees, and how these individuals are designated as such:

10 1. *Guided by* the United Nations Refugee Agency a refugee is someone who has been forced to flee
11 his or her country due to persecution, war or violence whereas,

12 2. *Considering* a migrant is defined by the International Organization for Migration as any person
13 who has moved across an international border away from their habitual place of residence,

14 *Taking into account* the relationship of migrants and their host Member States as ideally voluntary and
15 accepting:

16 1. *Realizing* the capacity of host Member States' ability to aid migrants and their families in relation
17 to the the host countries' own pre-existing wealth and infrastructure,

18 *Conscious of* the physical safety needs unique to migrants:

19 1. *Conscious of* the unique needs that migrants encounter, relating to the physical and cultural,

20 2. *Aware of* the challenges faced by women and children traveling to host countries while expressing
21 a desire to alleviate such issues through their transitory process,

22 3. Acknowledges the disparity for female migrant employment opportunities as opposed to their
23 male migrant counterparts,

24 *Acknowledging* the importance of integrating migrants into the workforce for proper livelihood:

25 1. *Aware of* the necessary income in order to be successful in migrant resettlement,

26 *Understanding* that migrants have unique needs to protect their cultural identities and respect their beliefs
27 and unique ethnic identities:

28 1. *Recognizing* the needs migrants have when initially arriving in their host nation and when
29 returning to their nation of origin,

30 *Addressing* the need for protection of all migrants during the COVID-19 pandemic in forms of spaced out
31 and sanitary shelters, medical access, monitoring of symptoms in order to swiftly identify and isolate COVID-19
32 cases, etc. Member States should focus not only on local efforts but on assisting others if capable to do so (i.e.
33 Norway's system of dispatching emergency medical teams to assist Greece),

34 *Expressing appreciation* for non-governmental organizations that have taken the initiative to aid migrants
35 during this pandemic, and expressing interest in some form of collaboration with host countries:

36 1. *Respecting* the sovereignty of host countries, while still allowing for non-governmental organiza-
37 tions to vocalize any suggestions or concerns with on going or intended migrant programs,

38 2. *Emphasizing* that the primary actor for aid should be the United Nations and encouraging nations
39 to donate to these groups as they are able,

40 1. *Urges* the continuation of research to gather accurate data in order to further develop migration policies
41 in addition to better understanding where support is needed globally;

42 2. *Maintains* the sovereign right of accepting Member States to determine if their resources can withstand
43 an influx of migrants in addition to their own citizens;

44 3. *Requests* Member States able to offer migrants substantial support to do so in the form of:

45 (a) Financial;

46 (b) COVID-19 relief and prevention;

47 (c) And other forms of aid;

48 4. *Suggests* a government-funded education program for language and cultural purposes to ensure a common
49 understanding and knowledge of the country;

50 5. *Additionally requests* additional resources from the United Nations in the form of medical and financial
51 aid;

52 6. *Encourages* Member States provide vocational training for migrants to encourage engagement and success
53 in the workforce;

54 7. *Further encourages* Member States maintain public health initiatives when placing migrants in any kind
55 of shelter or isolation in light of COVID-19:

56 (a) Suggests the collaboration between member states and United Nations bodies such as the United
57 Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) and United Nations Children's
58 Fund (UNICEF) to ensure that migrant women and children receive a safer route towards host countries;

59 (b) *Recommends* Member States develop a similar strategy to Ireland, i.e. providing shelter,
60 stipends, food, etc. to all asylum seekers before they have been approved;

61 8. *Additionally urges* cooperation with United Nations-approved Manon-governmental organizations, such
62 as the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the International Organization for Migration, in order
63 to increase well-rounded aid in migrant-heavy regions;

64 9. *Recommends* the establishment of infrastructure for additional migrant support systems council given by
65 non-governmental organizations at the request of the host country;

66 10. *Emphasizes* the need to spread awareness about resources available to protect and support the rights of
67 women and children:

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70 Fund (UNICEF) to ensure that migrant women and children receive a safer route towards host countries;

71 (b) Encourages domestic policies to be implemented to ensure equity of such individuals in forms of
72 reduced taxes when working in a specific destination country.

Passed, Yes: 47 / No: 0 / Abstain: 4