SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: International migration and development

SUBMITTED TO: The Commission on Population and Development

The Commission on Population and Development,
Recognizing that migration during the current COVID-19 pandemic has been hindered by travel restrictions implemented by both individual Member States and regional blocs,
Further recognizing the role of unvaccinated migrants in contributing to the rising number of COVID-19 infections in host countries,
Noting that current travel restrictions have left citizens and nationals stranded outside of their home countries without the opportunity for readmittance,
1. Requests that the Commission for Population and Development work closely with the United Nations Population Division to gather more comprehensive data on current migration movements, specifically regarding the rates of vaccinations and COVID-19 infection among migrants;
2. Urges Member States to develop regulations restricting the movement of unvaccinated migrants into their countries that ask unvaccinated migrants to wait until they receive a COVID-19 vaccination before they cross State borders;
3. Further urges Member States to recognize that these regulations must remain flexible, as many migrants are fleeing violence, famine or other harms and may not be able to receive COVID-19 vaccinations quickly or safely;
4. Asks Member States create designated quarantine zones within their borders near common crossings such as airports, port cities and roadways that:
   (a) Are open to those who are unable to get vaccinated at time of crossing and those who are not yet fully vaccinated;
   (b) Provide COVID-19 vaccinations and vaccine documentation to migrants wishing to enter their borders;
5. Encourages Member States to provide COVID-19 vaccinations to migrant populations within their borders;
6. Requests cooperation with organizations, such as the World Health Organization, in creating or aiding existing operations that would supply developing countries with COVID-19 vaccines, including aiding States in creating the necessary infrastructure to safely house these vaccines;
7. Further requests Member States to work together to return citizens and nationals who have been left stranded outside of their home countries back to their home countries, regardless of their vaccination status.

Passed, Yes: 10 / No: 0 / Abstain: 0