SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: International migration and development

SUBMITTED TO: The Commission on Population and Development

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Recognizing that the current state of migrant camps creates an environment that promotes violence and systematic oppression and hinders the cohesive integration of migrants into host countries,

Reminding Member States of Article 14 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which seeks to ensure the right to seek asylum from persecution and violence in their home countries,

Further reminding Member States of Article 15 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which ensures the right to nationality, whether that is in a home country or, in cases of displacement, asylum and migration, in a host country,

Reaffirming the groundwork for the humane treatment of refugees set forth in the 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees,

Acknowledging the particular vulnerability of women and children among refugees and displaced persons, including exposure to discrimination, sexual and physical abuse, violence and exploitation in violation of applicable international law,

Expressing deep concern regarding the chronic underfunding for humanitarian assistance to refugees, displaced persons and migrants globally,

Alarmed by the amount of time migrants and refugees are forced to spend in these migration camps,

1. Acknowledges the continuing violence and insecurity present in refugee camps globally, which constitute an ongoing threat to the safety and security of refugees, such as refoulement, unlawful expulsion and physical attacks;

2. Calls upon Member States to take all necessary measures to ensure respect for the principles of refugee protection, including the humane treatment of asylum seekers and other migrants by:

   (a) Offering safe shelter for refugees and migrants entering their borders;

   (b) Working quickly to ensure proper legal actions are taken to expedite the process of asylum for those seeking refuge from persecution, violence and famine;

3. Urges Member States to restructure their refugee camps in order to allow for better integration of migrants and refugees by:

   (a) Bringing educators into refugee camps to ensure that the refugees and migrants are better equipped to handle the possible cultural and linguistic barriers they will face upon entry to host countries;

   (b) Suggesting to the Security Council to increase peacekeeping missions in areas with high numbers of refugees and migrants with the goal of aiding and protecting these individuals;

   (c) Offering job assistance to migrants and refugees by helping them acquire job interviews and preparing them for the labour structure of their new host country;

4. Recommends a stronger relationship between the Committee on Population Development and the UN’s Population Division in order to gather more data about the roles of migrants and refugees in the labour markets and how Member States can better prepare refugees for potential jobs and relevant skills training;

5. Encourages Member States to work with non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to further create better living standards for migrant and refugee camps;
6. *Further encourages* Member States to support NGOs who offer legal assistance to refugees and asylum seekers as they enter host countries to ensure they are not forced to remain in these camps longer than necessary;

7. *Calls upon* Member States establish a target deadline for the integration of migrants and refugees into host countries, or if integration is not an option, to begin considerations of finding these migrants a different host country or calling for readmittance into their home countries;

8. *Appeals* to the international donor community to provide financial and material assistance that allows for the implementation of the aforementioned restructuring of migration camps that would benefit both refugees and host countries as appropriate and consistent with humanitarian objectives.

Passed by consensus, with 0 abstentions