



American Model United Nations
Commission on Population and Development

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: International migration and development

SUBMITTED TO: The Commission on Population and Development

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

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

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

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

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

13 *Expressing deep concern* regarding the chronic underfunding for humanitarian assistance to refugees, dis-
14 placed persons and migrants globally,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

34 5. *Encourages* Member States to work with non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to further create better
35 living standards for migrant and refugee camps;

36 6. *Further encourages* Member States to support NGOs who offer legal assistance to refugees and asylum
37 seekers as they enter host countries to ensure they are not forced to remain in these camps longer than necessary;

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

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

Passed by consensus, with 0 abstentions