SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly Third Committee

The General Assembly Third Committee,

Recognizes the rights to national sovereignty and the suggestive nature of this resolution,

Emphasizing freedom, human rights and gender equality,

Alarmed by the increasing number of African refugees in many Member States,

Aware of the problems refugees face and attempting to find effective solutions,

Additionally noting that refugees cannot be forced back to the country of origin that they seeked to escape from,

Affirming the need for Independent Audit and Oversight Committee (IAOC) to supervise and ensure fair allocation of humanitarian funds,

Stressing that everyone deserves a peaceful and decent quality of life,

Realizing the need for international cooperation to ensure safe, orderly and regular migration involving full respect for human rights and the humane treatment of migrants, regardless of their migration status,

Observing that women and girls account for almost half of all international migrants at the global level, and are also the primary victims of sexual assault,

Recognizing the need to address the special situation and vulnerability of migrant women and girls by incorporating a gendered perspective into policies and the strengthening of national laws, institutions, and programmes to combat gender-based violence,

Taking into consideration the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly resolution 3/217A in Paris on 10 December 1948,

Acknowledging the high number of migrants trying to join developed Member States, and the burden put upon those nations to welcome all of them in proper living conditions,

Recalling the Protocol 55/25 of 15 November 2000,

1. Invites all Member States to work together to ensure humane living conditions for refugees;
2. Encourages that refugees be treated fairly and with respect in the nation that they reside and in accordance with the UDHR;

3. Recognizes the need to improve public perceptions of migrants and migration, welcomes in this regard the efforts undertaken to create greater public awareness of their contributions;

4. Calls upon a facilitation of asylum seeking process:
   (a) Providing asylum seekers with access to work opportunities;
   (b) Provisions for health care for refugees and asylum seekers;
   (c) Temporary asylum status to promote the pursuance of long term refugee protection;

5. Supports the provision of assistance to the capacity of the state and recognizes the subjectivity of refugee threshold parameters per each state’s ability;
6. **Further emphasizes** the necessity of an integration process for refugees into their respective new living environment which would foster a peaceful cohabitation of people from different backgrounds and an effective integration into their hosting societies;

7. **Suggests** the formation by states of sanctioned bodies to provide assistance to refugee populations on integration into the state through support and access to:
   - (a) Education;
   - (b) Entrance into the job market;
   - (c) Health care;

8. **Encourages** hosting Member States to establish cultural and language educational programs;

9. **Invites** the nations to donate and logistically supports the efforts of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and various other organizations in accordance with the state sovereignty goals;

10. **Supports** the establishment of the International Committee on Ending the African Continental Displacement Crisis (ICEACDC) as a report writing body:
    - (a) The purview of the ICEACDC is the research of the core causes of the African displacement crisis and the development of solution plans;

11. **Expresses its hope that** the ICEACDC to create a database from which all members of the body can contribute regardless of membership of the committee:
    - (a) The database will be for the consolidation of information that pertains to the African displacement crisis;

12. **Further declares** that the body will deal with both issues of displaced persons, and internally displaced peoples (IDPs);

13. **Further invites** the hosting Member States to come together to collaborate more efficiently on the refugees’ integrative distribution in accordance with their capabilities to provide adequate accommodation and sufficient care;

14. **Highly emphasizes** taking into consideration the family unit while assigning refugees to host Member States;

15. **Calls upon** a better dispatch of the migrants in all receiving Member States in order to relieve Member States that are overwhelmed, and therefore to allow them to receive the migrants in proper living conditions, by ensuring access to clean water, food, housing and education;

16. **Encourages** the funding of sexual education programs in cooperation with Member State beliefs in temporary refugee housing and providing access to voluntary preventive measures:
    - (a) To help promote health and safety among at-risk populations, especially for women in refugee camps;

17. **Encourages** for the assistance of hosting Member States to help returners who willingly chose to relocate to their countries of origin, and to ensure their safety all along their return procedure.

Passed, Yes: 22 / No: 10 / Abstain: 6