



American Model United Nations
Commission on Population and Development

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Sustainable cities, human mobility and international migration

SUBMITTED TO: The Commission on Population and Development

The Commission on Population and Development,

1 *Bearing in mind* that intrastate migration in particularly and population drain from rural zones to urban
2 areas, is driven by a variety of factors,

3 *Acknowledging* the instability that international and domestic migration causes in the lives of migrants,

4 *Recognizing* that migrants as a population are particularly vulnerable to abuse and exploitation,

5 *Noting with concern* that children are particularly vulnerable to exploitation, abuse and violence,

6 *Desiring* to better integrate migrant populations into local communities and provide social support for these
7 vulnerable populations,

8 *Stressing* the importance of a more comprehensive international framework to support domestic immigration
9 policy,

10 *Affirming* the need for access to affordable healthcare that would allow a person to achieve a basic standard
11 of health and wellbeing to be made available for migrants,,

12 *Recognizing* the challenges in connecting and counting migrants, particularly undocumented migrants, with
13 resources necessary to wellbeing,

14 *Remaining Aware of* the successful Judicial Regional Platforms facilitated by the United Nations Office on
15 Drugs and Crime, which have enabled regional mutual legal assistance and extradition for international crimes,

16 *Reaffirming* the commitment to established international laws, international frameworks and individual states
17 domestic policy when it comes to the areas of immigration policy,

18 *Adhering* to the work accomplished by Resolution 71/1 of the General Assembly,

19 1. *Urges* the Economic and Social Council to address resource scarcity and the lack of public infrastructure
20 in rural areas, through:

21 (a) *Urges* Member States to develop more efficient public transport systems and infrastructure in
22 rural and urban areas and expressing that;

23 (i) These initiatives provide more opportunities for rural communities to economically engage with
24 urban centers while remaining in and developing their rural regions;

25 (ii) Member States partner with the United Nations Development Programme to identify rural areas
26 and expanded initiatives to improve public infrastructure, with emphasis on;

27 A. The propagation of solar panels and other renewable electricity sources to provide electricity for
28 isolated communities;

29 B. Identifying areas in need of these basic resources in order to provide Member States with infor-
30 mation to how they can assist their communities;

31 (b) *Tasks* the United Nations Development Programme with establishing a project to assess poten-
32 tially unstable living structures in areas at risk for natural disasters;

33 (i) *Endorses* collaboration with the International Monetary Fund to divert funds to the replacement
34 and fortification of these structures;

35 (ii) *Desires* that this initiative will work to prevent displaced persons and mitigate the dangers of
36 poorly-constructed existing infrastructure;

37 2. *Encourages* efforts to promote migrant access to economic opportunities, including but not limited to:

38 (a) Developing additional resources for those migrating in search of job opportunities, including but
39 not limited to the establishment of;

40 (i) Reciprocal agreements for degrees and certifications;

41 (ii) Tasking the United Nations International Organization for Migration to publish information,
42 informing migrants of the necessary certifications that may be required to be gain access to available
43 career pathways;

44 (iii) Recommending Member States establish domestic programs to ease the transition of migrants
45 into host communities either through degree transference, educational or job programs;

46 (iv) Accessible standardized testing to measure the relevant skill levels in a given field in order to
47 more fairly and accurately place workers;

48 (b) Further developing existing support systems for migrant students, such as;

49 (i) Considering more educational financial aid for low income international students;

50 (ii) Increased international cooperation on curriculum standards and the development of more clarity
51 on educational equivalencies amongst Member States;

52 (iii) Programs to ensure smooth transitions for students relocating across borders, including more
53 clearly defined residency requirements and social program enrollment procedures;

54 (c) Creating domestic policies that increase the accessibility of housing options in order to;

55 (i) Increase availability of affordable housing options through development, particularly in preexisting
56 rural areas;

57 (ii) Provide information to assist recently arrived immigrants with the initial settlement process;

58 (iii) Advance inclusivity and community integration among citizens from various backgrounds;

59 3. *Further Urges* the Economic and Social Council and Member States, to evaluate international and
60 domestic policies and frameworks to create clearer processes for international migration, by way of:

61 (a) *Highlights* the necessity for Member States to provide technical assistance via international
62 agreements and aid in order to better manage migration flow;

63 (b) *Encourages* Member States to invest in domestic programs that combat discrimination, through
64 awareness and educational programs, in a manner that respects the local culture;

65 (i) *Recommends* relevant International Non-Governmental Organizations (INGOs) and Non-Governmental
66 Organizations (NGOs) work on defending the right of the immigrants in order for them to have proper
67 access to necessities such as education;

68 (c) *Further recommends* that Member States voluntarily collaborate on the improvement of migration
69 data both for internal and external migration with the understanding that relevant United Nations organizations
70 will be provided with such data, which may include;

71 (i) Net flow of immigration from various regions;

72 (ii) Demographic information of immigrants;

73 (iii) Causes of immigration;

74 (d) *Encourages* Member States to invest in translators and interpreters in domestic immigration
75 offices to better provide migrants with resources;

76 (e) *Recommends* relevant INGOs and NGOs work towards the access of education for migrants;

77 4. *Recommends* that the committee focus its efforts on mitigating climate issues to prevent climate-related
78 migration, which:

79 (a) *Promotes* sustainable land use practices such as agroforestry and conservation agriculture to
80 help reduce the risk of crises that could potentially displace communities;

81 (b) *Encourages* the growth of crops that are more tolerant to climate change, such as weather and
82 climate adaptive varieties, in order to better prevent rural population drain due to food insecurity;

83 (c) *Tackles* slow-onset events such as desertification, rising global temperature, and glacial retreat
84 by using improved models and data methods;

85 (d) *Encourages* the usage of anonymized and aggregated data, collected by Member States and
86 voluntarily shared with United Nations bodies, to track migration patterns, as well as representative data around
87 migration with respect to sex and dependents;

88 (e) *Encourages* Members States with adequate resources to usher the economies of climate change-
89 affected countries towards green and resilient pathways;

90 5. *Urges* all Member States to adopt the United Nations' pre-existing protocols of:

91 (a) Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Chil-
92 dren;

93 (b) Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air;

94 6. *Expresses its hope* that the Economic and Social Council will deliberate opportunities to expand its
95 response to human trafficking, which:

96 (a) *Promotes* further international cooperation to prosecute human traffickers and international
97 clients of sex trafficking, through mechanisms including but not limited to;

98 (i) Encourages the universal criminalization of human trafficking;

99 (ii) Establishes consensus on legal penalties;

100 (iii) Expands existing Judicial Regional Platforms to emphasize coordination on issues of human
101 and sex trafficking;

102 (b) *Encourages* the creation of resources for victims of human trafficking to support their well being,
103 recovery, and reintegration into society, such as;

104 (i) Physical healthcare to address any concerns that may be a result of involvement in sex trafficking;

105 (ii) Mental health resources to cope with any lasting anxiety or trauma due to exploitation or other
106 causes;

107 (iii) Advising and financial support in obtaining education and a fulfilling career;

108 7. *Encourages* the refocus on healthcare issues for migrants, including but not limited to:

109 (a) *Focuses* on achieving Sustainable Development Goal 3 of ensuring healthy lives and promoting
110 well-being for all ages which;

111 (i) *Tasks* INGOs and NGOs in the pursuit of providing equitable access to healthcare;

112 (ii) *Protects* migrants with pre-existing health conditions;

113 (iii) *Maintains* medical confidentiality for migrants at all stages of healthcare;

114 (iv) *Eases* integration of migrants through mental health support;

115 (v) *Implements* Community Health Centers for migrants with a focus on providing culturally sensi-
116 tive care;

117 (vi) *Encourages* the World Bank to continue their support towards migrants through healthcare
118 development;

119 8. *Calls for* a streamlined immigration process in Member States, which:

120 (a) *Reduces* prolonged challenges faced by immigrants upon arrival;

121 (b) *Ensures* timely integration by eliminating unnecessary delays;

122 9. *Calls for* Member States to take strides towards improving immigration and integration processes in order
123 to reduce and eliminate challenges for migrants.

Passed by consensus, with 0 abstentions