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**Committee on Human Rights, Aboriginal Peoples, and Citizen Security**

**Resolution on Migration**

*Calling attention to* the fact that current migration flows are closely linked to globalization and its effects;

*Underscoring* the contribution that migrant workers make to the growth and prosperity of our countries through their role in the composition of national and local labour markets;

*Recognizing* that increasing economic disparities between and within our countries are a key factor explaining why the number of migrants is rising in absolute numbers and has now reached 200 million;

*Noting* the consistent rise in the migration of women, particularly in Latin American countries and the Caribbean;

*Concerned* by the high number of people who die trying to reach their destination by land or sea, sometimes at the mercy of traffickers;

*Recognizing* that all countries have a share of responsibility to bear in managing the migration phenomenon;

*Emphasizing* that labour laws and laws governing the protection of human rights apply to all migrants without exception;

*Calling to mind* that the conventions of the International Labour Organization (ILO), in particular conventions 97, 143 and 151, and the United Nations Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families establish a general legal framework to ensure the protection of migrants;

*Condemning* the violation of the right of migrant workers to decent working conditions;

*Strongly condemning* all demonstrations of racism, discrimination and xenophobia toward migrants and their families;

*Recognizing* the responsibility of our governments to promote a culture of tolerance, understanding and equality through public awareness campaigns;

*Confirming* that properly channelled migration constitutes a positive force for development, offering advantages to both source and destination countries, especially for immigrants and their families;

*Noting* that, due to economic, demographic and technological changes, migration will continue to be a key factor in the development and prosperity of Latin America and the Caribbean;

### **The 8<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the Parliamentary Confederation of the Americas**

1. Recommends to governments that have not already done so that they sign and ratify the United Nations Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families;
2. Urges the parliaments of the States that are a party to the United Nations Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families to ensure its necessary implementation;
3. Undertakes to protect the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all migrants, regardless of their nationality and migrant status, in accordance with international conventions;
4. Undertakes to see to it that migrant admission procedures are transparent, clear and coherent;
5. Undertakes to guarantee that laws to protect migrants include mechanisms to ensure their effective implementation, and that such laws be accompanied by the resources required to meet their objectives;
6. Undertakes to enforce labour laws and especially provisions relating to migrant working conditions, remuneration and health and safety, in accordance with the national laws in force;
7. Condemns the establishment of migration control methods that infringe on the fundamental rights of migrants and foster illegal migration;
8. Encourages the establishment of financial transfer mechanisms to reduce service charges for transfers of funds, and undertakes to neutralize measures that could restrict the mobility of these resources so precious to millions of people and to abolish double taxation of migrants' income;
9. Urges parliamentarians and opinion leaders to publicly laud the important contribution of migrants to the growth and prosperity of our continent;
10. Intends to use the international framework of existing public policies, in particular the ILO Multilateral Framework on Labour Migration, a practical guide to help maximize the advantages of worker migration for all parties concerned;

11. Agrees to participate in the international dialogue on migration, considering that parliaments can unite to establish, through or with the Inter-Parliamentary Union, a parliamentary network on migration.