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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE CAM

COMMEMORATION OF INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS DAY

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Today we commemorate International Migrants Day, as declared by the United Nations General Assembly in resolution 55/93 of 2000. Since then, every December 18, we remember the duty to pay greater attention to those who migrate, promoting international cooperation initiatives to support migrants in countries of origin, transit, destination, and return.

At a time when the COVID-19 pandemic continues to lay bare all kinds of vulnerabilities around the world, the importance of safe, orderly, and regular migration and the creation of evidence-based public policies to address the structural causes and consequences of migration and reduce the risks associated with irregular migration should be reaffirmed.

Today, on International Migrants Day, we reiterate the importance of continuing to strengthen and promote dialogue, information sharing, and cooperation in addressing the challenges of migration in the Hemisphere, as highlighted in the resolution "Advancing Hemispheric Initiatives on Integral Development: Promoting Resilience. Fostering the promotion and protection of the human rights of migrants, including migrant workers and their families, in accordance with the inter-American program on this subject to enhance their contribution to development,” adopted in the framework of the OAS General Assembly in November this year.

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