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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE ON MIGRATION ISSUES (CAM)

COMMEMORATION OF INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS DAY

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In commemorating *International Migrants Day*, so declared by the United Nations General Assembly in resolution 55/93 of 2000 with the aim of drawing attention to the challenges and difficulties faced by migrants around the world, as well as to endorse the call to nations to contribute to making multifactorial human mobility a safe, orderly, humane, regular process, we reaffirm the importance of continuing to strengthen dialogue and cooperation to address the challenges of migration in the Hemisphere, as a solidarity-based commitment under the principle of recognition of rights.

Let this be an opportunity to highlight the positive contribution of migrants to sustainable and inclusive development, and to endorse the commitment of States to protect their rights with a view to their inclusion, assistance, and protection, as well as to the creation of evidence-based public policies to address the causes and structural consequences of migration and reduce the risks associated with irregular migration.

As highlighted in resolution *“Advancing Hemispheric Initiatives on Integral Development: Promoting Resilience,”* adopted by the OAS General Assembly, and its strategic line “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,” it is essential to continue working to bring about the effective social, economic and labor inclusion of migrants and, likewise, to prevent racism, xenophobia, discrimination and any form of intolerance against them.

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