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PARAGRAPHS FOR INCLUSION IN THE DRAFT CIDI OMNIBUS RESOLUTION:

 “ADVANCING HEMISPHERIC INITIATIVES ON INTEGRAL DEVELOPMENT”

(Agreed upon by the Committee on Migration Issues (CAM) at the meeting held on

September 24, 2020)

REGARDING THE 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” [[1]](#footnote-1)

1. To acknowledge the importance of a safe, orderly and regular migration and the need for states to promote empirical public policies to address the structural causes of migration and reduce the risks associated with irregular migration.
2. To encourage countries of the region, to establish or implement cooperation agreements and protocols, as needed, for the assistance and protection of accompanied and non- accompanied migrant children and adolescents, promoting the best interest of the child, respecting and protecting their rights, and taking into account countries´ relevant obligations under international human rights law. Likewise, to encourage member states to ensure that migrant children and adolescents, accompanied and non-accompanied, receive specialized assistance and protection when in need.
3. To urge states, in keeping with pertinent obligations under international human rights law, to strengthen their public policies for countering discrimination, racism, xenophobia, intolerance and speech related to racial superiority, in order to facilitate the socioeconomic integration of migrants.
4. Furthermore, to urge states to strengthen their public policies for combating the crimes of trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants.
5. To recognize the need to eliminate the barriers that hamper migrants’ access, regardless of their migration status, to health care and disease prevention policies, consistent with national law and international obligations; bearing in mind the negative effects that the COVID-19 pandemic has had throughout the continent, especially for groups in a situation of vulnerability.
6. To urge states to take into account migrants and their families with a comprehensive human rights approach when formulating and applying policy responses to the COVID-19 pandemic, taking into consideration the particular impacts on women and children based on the principles of equality and nondiscrimination, consistent with each state's domestic law and international obligations.
7. To recognize the work of existing regional mechanisms such as the Regional Conference on Migration, the South American Conference on Migration, the Caribbean Migration Consultations (CMC) and the Quito Process, as appropriate, and continue to promote dialogue and cooperation among states of origin, transit and destination to comprehensively address international migration, as well as its multiple causes, through the sharing of information, experiences and best practices, including those regarding the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on migrants and of policies espoused by countries in the region in the current context.
8. To encourage international cooperation initiatives to support the countries of origin, transit and destination of migrants and refugees, especially those from Venezuela, and facilitate, as appropriate, the provision of humane, neutral, impartial and independent humanitarian assistance, and to foster their socioeconomic integration consistent with applicable national and international law. ***(Ad referendum of Trinidad and Tobago)***
9. To underscore the importance of the Continuous Reporting System on International Migration for the Americas (SICREMI) as a regional instrument for generating and analyzing information on migration flows, regulatory frameworks, and public policies for migration in the Hemisphere. To instruct the General Secretariat, in keeping with the availability of resources and through coordination with other agencies of the inter-American system and other strategic players, to order the production of the next edition of the SICREMI Report. Likewise, to urge member states to join the SICREMI and, along with the observer states, to encourage them to consider making voluntary contributions to ensure its financial sustainability.
10. To encourage member states to foster quicker, safer, and less costly remittances, so as to reduce the average cost of transactions to less than 3% of the sum transferred by 2030, by developing legal and regulatory environments that make possible competition, regulation, and innovation in the remittances market and offering programs and instruments with a gender perspective to enhance the financial inclusion of migrants and their families.
11. To reaffirm the importance of continuing to strengthen and foster constructive dialogue and regional and bilateral cooperation on migration matters in the hemisphere, as appropriate, in confronting migration challenges in the Hemisphere, especially in the Permanent Council and CIDI and its organs and subsidiary bodies, including the CAM, in accordance with the terms of resolution AG/RES. 2910 (XLVII-O/17), “Migration in the Americas,” and declaration CP/DEC. 68 (2099/16) “Inter-American Cooperation to Address the Challenges and Opportunities of Migration,” adopted by the Permanent Council on December 15, 2016.
12. Highlight multilateral-level initiatives for dialogue and cooperation on migration and international protection, and take note of those initiatives, in which part of the OAS member states are participants, such as the Global Forum on Migration and Development, the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, and the Global Compact on Refugees.

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1. The delegation of the United States is considering placing a footnote to the entire text, in order to address a

 number of issues. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)