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PARAGRAPHS PROPOSED FOR INCLUSION IN THE CIDI DRAFT OMNIBUS RESOLUTION: ADVANCING HEMISPHERIC INITIATIVES ON   
INTEGRAL DEVELOPMENT: PROMOTING RESILIENCE

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

October 7, 2021)

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. To acknowledge the importance of a safe, orderly, and regular migration and the creation of evidence based public policies to address the causes and structural consequences of migration and reduce the risks associated with irregular migration.
2. To urge all member states, in keeping with the pertinent obligations under international human rights law, to strengthen their public policies for countering discrimination, racism, xenophobia, racial superiority discourse and any form of intolerance, in order to promote the socioeconomic integration, and the empowerment of migrants in transit and destination communities in all areas of society. [[1]](#footnote-1)
3. Likewise, to urge all member states to strengthen their public and cooperation policies for preventing and combating the crimes of human trafficking, smuggling and migrant enslavement and servitude, including the prosecution of such crimes, providing protection, and offering assistance to victims, and ensure its policies are victim-centered and with a gender perspective.
4. To recognize the need to provide migrants with access to health services, disease prevention, education and their comprehensive inclusion in host countries, regardless of their migration status, in keeping with applicable national law and international obligations and bearing in mind the negative effects that the COVID-19 pandemic has had throughout the Hemisphere, especially for groups in situations of vulnerability. ***(Ad referendum of the delegation of United States)***
5. To encourage the countries of the region, to establish or implement, as necessary, cooperation agreements and protocols on attention, assistance and protection of accompanied and unaccompanied migrant children and adolescents and to promote the best interests of the child, respecting and protecting their rights and taking into account obligations of countries under international human rights law. Likewise, to encourage member states to ensure that accompanied and unaccompanied migrant children and adolescents receive specialized assistance and protection in any situation affecting them.
6. To urge member states, with a comprehensive focus on human rights, to take into account the rights of migrants and their families, when formulating and applying policy responses to the COVID-19 pandemic, taking into consideration the particular impacts on women, on children and adolescents, on persons with disabilities and on the elderly, based on the principles of equality and nondiscrimination and in keeping with each state’s domestic law and international obligations. ***(Ad referendum of the delegation of United States)***
7. To encourage international cooperation initiatives in support of migrants in countries of origin, transit, destination and return, persons seeking refugee and asylum status and to facilitate, as appropriate, the provision of humanitarian assistance and development, and their complete socioeconomic integration and inclusion, in keeping with applicable national and international law.
8. To promote and support, through policies of cooperation in the field of migration, taking into account socio-economic integration goals, the strengthening and development of the capacities of Member States, especially small island developing States, applying a human rights and sustainable development focus. ***(Ad referendum of the delegation of United States)***

1. To recognize the challenges of human mobility caused by the effects of natural disasters, environmental degradation and biodiversity loss caused by climate change, as documented in the findings of the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in its report Climate Change 2021: The Physical Science Basis. Similarly, to recognize the impact that natural disasters and the effects of climate change, environmental degradation and biodiversity loss have on migration, particularly for women and girls, and those who belong to historically vulnerable groups, as well as the need to address the structural causes that increase disaster risk, with the consequent displacement of people, focusing on mitigation and prevention actions. Along these lines, reaffirm the validity and importance of advancing in the implementation of Declaration AG / DEC. 88 (XLVI-O / 16) “Declaration on Climate Change, Food Security, and Migration in the Americas,” as approved by the General Assembly on June 14, 2016.
2. Promote international cooperation initiatives in matters of migration to support countries affected by disasters of natural and/or man-made origins.
3. 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), the Quito Process and the Andean Community, Comprehensive Regional Protection and Solutions Framework (MIRPS) and other regional bodies that work on the issue and to incorporate recommendations as appropriate.
4. To reaffirm the importance of continuing to strengthen and foster dialogue information exchange and regional and bilateral cooperation on migration matters, as appropriate, in confronting migration challenges in the Hemisphere, especially in the Permanent Council and CIDI and its subsidiary bodies, including 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.
5. To underscore and reaffirm 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.
6. 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 percent of the sum transferred by 2030, by developing legal and regulatory environments to enable 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.
7. To highlight multilateral-level initiatives for dialogue the exchange of information and cooperation on migration and international protection, and to take note of those initiatives in which different 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 and encourage the OAS Secretariat to coordinate and collaborate with other regional and international institutions.

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1. The delegation of the Guatemala is considering placing a footnote to address this text [↑](#footnote-ref-1)