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on Dialogue among Civilisations and Human Rights

Special Task Force on Migration

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Resolution on Migration [endorsed by consensus by the 3rd Standing Committee at the 3rd Session of the Standing Committees, 19 September 2008, St. Julians (Malta)]

The Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean,

- Having regards to the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights;
- Having regards to the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and its 1967 related Protocol;
- Having regards to the 1963 United Nations Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination ;
- Having regards to the 1965 International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination;
- Having regards to the 2000 Principles on the Effective Investigation and Documentation of Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and its 2002 Optional Protocol;
- Having regards to the 1990 International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families;
- Having regards to the 2000 Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime;
- Having regards 2000 Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime;
- Having regards to its own Resolution on Managing Migratory Flows and Co-development in the Mediterranean in a mutually beneficial manner adopted on 24 November 2007,

- (1) *Stressing* that human mobility is a complex phenomena and that migratory flows are mixed in nature;
- (2) *Acknowledging* that in recent years, human migration has been mostly tackled from an “immigration” perspective;

- (3) *Reaffirming* the principles of non-refoulement for genuine asylum-seekers and refugees;
- (4) *Stressing* that migrants should be treated in a human way and in accordance with principles laid down in relevant international conventions;
- (5) *Stressing* the need to re-centre today's debates on the issue of regular labour migration;
- (6) *Recognizing* that all PAM members are countries of origin, transit or destination and are faced with different challenges;
- (7) *Emphasizing* the need for neighbouring countries to start addressing mid to long-term migration issues in a spirit of partnership;
- (8) *Stressing* that due attention should be given to the expected increasing number of migrants due to environmental-related problems;
- (9) *Recognizing* the material benefit and the cultural contribution that the host countries have received from migration;
- (10) *Recognizing* the special case of forced migration.

Agrees to:

- (a) Promote **Best Practices** pertaining to all aspects of migration policies undertaken by individual members or national Assemblies at regional level within the PAM and within other regional and international fora dealing specifically with migration issues;
- (b) Concentrate its efforts on raising awareness about the **human dimension** to migration be it regular or irregular;
- (c) Promote mid to long-term solutions for **regulated labour migration** that are mutually beneficial to countries of origin, of transit and of destination and in that regard...
- (d) Encourage the conduct of **statistical work** pertaining to the mid-to long term needs of the economies of countries of origin, transit and of destination with the view to enable sound economic planning;
- (e) Promote regular migration as a vital tool for **co-development**, and in this respect, encourage circular migration and the movement of qualified workers by issuing stay permits, as well as support the return of these workers while guaranteeing them fair pay and decent working conditions;
- (f) Support **academic research** in the field of migration and specifically in the South i.e. in countries of origin and transit;
- (g) Also support the establishment of **regional academic research networks** on migration;
- (h) Promote the integration in host countries of those foreign individuals qualifying for refugee status or protection for humanitarian reasons;
- (i) Encourage the media to take a more positive attitude towards migratory phenomena in order to change public perception and opinion, as well as promote the integration of immigrants in host countries;
- (j) Fight against **degrading practices** and discrimination towards migrants, particularly those with irregular status, and to promote **basic social care** for all migrants regardless of their status;
- (k) Promote **social support** for regular and regularized migrants in order to facilitate their integration in countries of destination;
- (l) Facilitate **inter-cultural dialogue** within the countries of transit and of destination;
- (m) Encourage PAM member states to support international NGOs offering voluntary return programs;
- (n) Promote agreement at the international level on a definition of "**environmental refugee**" carrying rights and obligations for States as well as for this category of migrants.