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### 67/219. International migration and development

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 58/208 of 23 December 2003, 59/241 of 22 December 2004, 60/227 of 23 December 2005, 61/208 of 20 December 2006, 63/225 of 19 December 2008 and 65/170 of 20 December 2010 on international migration and development, as well as its resolution 60/206 of 22 December 2005 on the facilitation and reduction of the cost of transfer of migrant remittances, its resolutions 62/156 of 18 December 2007 and 66/172 of 19 December 2011 on the protection of migrants, and its resolution 62/270 of 20 June 2008 on the Global Forum on Migration and Development, and recalling also Commission on Population and Development resolution 2006/2 of 10 May 2006,<sup>1</sup>

*Recalling also* the 2005 World Summit Outcome,<sup>2</sup> its resolution 60/265 of 30 June 2006 on the follow-up to the development outcome of the 2005 World Summit, including the Millennium Development Goals and the other internationally agreed development goals, and recalling further the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals and its outcome document,<sup>3</sup>

*Recalling further* its resolution 57/270 B of 23 June 2003 on the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields,

*Recalling* the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012, and its outcome document, entitled “The future we want”,<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2006, Supplement No. 5 (E/2006/25)*, chap. I, sect. B.

<sup>2</sup> Resolution 60/1.

<sup>3</sup> Resolution 65/1.

<sup>4</sup> Resolution 66/288, annex.



*Reaffirming* the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,<sup>5</sup> and recalling the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,<sup>6</sup> the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,<sup>6</sup> the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,<sup>7</sup> the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women<sup>8</sup> and the Convention on the Rights of the Child,<sup>9</sup>

*Recalling* the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families,<sup>10</sup> and reiterating the call to Member States that have not yet done so to consider signing and ratifying or acceding to the Convention,

*Recalling also* the importance of the Decent Work Agenda of the International Labour Organization, including for migrant workers, the eight fundamental Conventions of that Organization and the Global Jobs Pact adopted by the International Labour Conference at its ninety-eighth session, as a general framework within which each country can formulate policy packages specific to its situation and national priorities in order to promote a job-intensive recovery and sustainable development,

*Recalling further* the summary by the President of the General Assembly of the 2006 high-level dialogue on international migration and development,<sup>11</sup> and taking note of the summary by the President of the Assembly of the informal thematic debate on international migration and development held on 19 May 2011,<sup>12</sup>

*Acknowledging* that the 2006 high-level dialogue provided a useful opportunity to address constructively the issue of international migration and development and heightened awareness of the issue,

*Acknowledging also* the contribution of the informal thematic debate, held in 2011, to the discussions on international migration and development,

*Recognizing* the contribution of the Global Forum on Migration and Development to addressing the multidimensional nature of international migration and promoting balanced and comprehensive approaches,

*Acknowledging* the important and complex interrelationship between international migration and development and the need to deal with the challenges and opportunities that migration presents to countries of origin, transit and destination, recognizing that migration brings benefits and challenges to the global community, and confirming the importance of including the matter in relevant debates and discussions held at the international level, including at the United Nations, in relation to development,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;<sup>13</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> Resolution 217 A (III).

<sup>6</sup> See resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

<sup>7</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 660, No. 9464.

<sup>8</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 1249, No. 20378.

<sup>9</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 1577, No. 27531.

<sup>10</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 2220, No. 39481.

<sup>11</sup> A/61/515.

<sup>12</sup> A/65/944.

<sup>13</sup> A/67/254.

2. *Decides* to hold a two-day high-level dialogue on international migration and development on 3 and 4 October 2013, after the general debate of the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly, at United Nations Headquarters;

3. *Also decides* that the organizational arrangements for the high-level dialogue shall be as follows:

(a) The overall theme of the high-level dialogue on international migration and development will be “Identifying concrete measures to strengthen coherence and cooperation at all levels, with a view to enhancing the benefits of international migration for migrants and countries alike and its important links to development, while reducing its negative implications”;

(b) The high-level dialogue will consist of four plenary meetings and four interactive multi-stakeholder round tables:

(i) Round tables 1 and 2 will be held in the morning and afternoon of the first day of the high-level dialogue;

(ii) Round tables 3 and 4 will be held in the morning and afternoon of the second day of the high-level dialogue;

(iii) Summaries of the deliberations of the four round-table sessions will be presented orally by the chairs of the round-table sessions during the concluding plenary meeting of the high-level dialogue;

(c) The themes for each of the four round tables will be as follows:

(i) Round table 1 will focus on assessing the effects of international migration on sustainable development and identifying relevant priorities in view of the preparation of the post-2015 development framework;

(ii) Round table 2 will focus on measures to ensure respect for and protection of the human rights of all migrants, with particular reference to women and children, as well as to prevent and combat the smuggling of migrants and trafficking in persons and to ensure orderly, regular and safe migration;

(iii) Round table 3 will focus on strengthening partnerships and cooperation on international migration, mechanisms to effectively integrate migration into development policies and promoting coherence at all levels;

(iv) Round table 4 will focus on international and regional labour mobility and its impact on development;

(d) Each of the four round tables will be co-chaired by two representatives, to be appointed by the President of the General Assembly, with due regard for geographical balance, in consultation with regional groups;

4. *Further decides* that the participants in the high-level dialogue shall participate in accordance with the rules of procedure of the General Assembly;

5. *Invites* Member States and observers to participate in the high-level dialogue at the highest possible level;

6. *Invites* the Holy See and the State of Palestine, in their capacity as observer States, and the European Union, in its capacity as observer, to participate in the high-level dialogue and its preparatory process;

7. *Invites* all relevant entities of the United Nations system and relevant special rapporteurs and representatives, as well as the International Organization for Migration and other relevant international organizations having received a standing

invitation to participate as observers in the work of the General Assembly, to contribute to the preparation of and participate in the high-level dialogue;

8. *Invites* the President of the General Assembly to draw up a list of representatives of other relevant intergovernmental organizations and entities who may participate in the high-level dialogue, taking into account the principle of equitable geographical representation, and to submit the proposed list to Member States for their consideration in accordance with past practice;

9. *Also invites* the President of the General Assembly to draw up a list of representatives of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council who may participate in the high-level dialogue and the one-day informal interactive hearings provided for in paragraph 11 below;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a note on the organization of work of the high-level dialogue;

11. *Decides* to hold one-day informal interactive hearings in 2013 with representatives of non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations and the private sector, to be organized and presided over by the President of the General Assembly, and requests the President of the Assembly to prepare a summary of the hearings prior to the high-level dialogue in September 2013;

12. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly, in consultation with Member States, to draw up a list of representatives of other relevant non-governmental organizations, academic institutions and private sector entities who may participate in the high-level dialogue and the one-day informal interactive hearings, on the basis of recommendations by the Secretary-General in respect of their specific expertise and involvement in international migration and development issues, taking into account geographical representation; the list will be considered by the Member States on a non-objection basis no later than one month prior to the hearings provided for in paragraph 11 above;

13. *Decides* that representatives of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, civil society organizations and the private sector, one from each grouping having been selected during the informal interactive hearings, are to be included by the President of the General Assembly, in consultation with Member States, in the list of speakers for the plenary meetings of the high-level dialogue, time permitting, and also decides that the President of the Assembly, in consultation with Member States, shall determine the list of representatives of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, civil society organizations and the private sector who can participate in each of the round tables of the high-level dialogue, taking into account the principle of equitable geographical representation;

14. *Invites* the President of the General Assembly, with the assistance of the Secretariat and with support from interested Member States, the United Nations system and other stakeholders, to organize, prior to the high-level dialogue, a panel discussion with a focus on its overall theme, complementary to and taking into account other preparatory initiatives relating to the high-level dialogue;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General, with inputs from the members of the Global Migration Group and other relevant entities, to prepare a comprehensive overview of studies and analyses on the multidimensional aspects of migration and development, including the effects of migration on economic and social development in developed and developing countries;

16. *Invites* the regional commissions and their subregional offices, in collaboration with other relevant entities of the United Nations system, as well as the International Organization for Migration and its Council, to organize discussions to examine regional aspects of international migration and development and to provide inputs, in accordance with their respective mandates, to the preparatory process of the high-level dialogue;

17. *Invites* Member States, through appropriate regional consultative processes and, as appropriate, within other major initiatives in the field of international migration and development, including the Global Forum on Migration and Development, to contribute to the high-level dialogue;

18. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-ninth session, under the item entitled “Globalization and interdependence”, the sub-item entitled “International migration and development”;

19. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-ninth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

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