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**MOAS PROGRAM COORDINATION
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL**

**HARNESSING THE POTENTIAL OF YOUTH MIGRATION:
CREATING OPPORTUNITIES AT HOME AND ABROAD**

THE 23rd MOAS/PC GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

CONSIDERING the economic, social, political and environmental issues, such as border conflicts, children and youth migration, and deportations, resulting from migration in the Americas;

CONSIDERING the importance of inclusion and acceptance of migrants in society and the necessity to better support all young migrants through more targeted, better quality and more accessible education opportunities;

RECOGNIZING the challenges and difficulties that young migrants, especially women and people with disabilities, face in our hemisphere in the process of social and labor integration;

ACKNOWLEDGING the need for universalized education;

UNDERSTANDING the benefits of,

Motivating youth to invest in their home countries, and

Supporting host countries to better incorporate youth into the social fabric of their new communities; and

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the commitment of the Member States on democracy, human rights, development and hemispheric security; and recalling the Declaration of Puerto España in which Member States agreed that youth are central to the integral development of our hemisphere,

RESOLVES:

1. TO INVITE Member States to pursue collaboration and expand successful partnerships on youth development issues regarding job programs with regional and international organizations and civil society, with the aim to develop young professionals throughout the Americas.

2. TO INVITE Member States to play an active role in job fair initiatives directed to youth, promoting the inclusion of migrants and creating local and safe work relationships that contribute to the improvement of the countries' labor force.

3. TO REQUEST that the Labor and Employment Section of the Department of Social Inclusion of the GS/OAS promote the creation of virtual employment platforms for youth migrants among the Member States.

4. TO INSTRUCT the Department of Human Development and Education of the OAS to focus on youth migration in their agenda for the “9th Inter-American Meeting of Ministers of Education”, in order to promote inclusive education for all youth migrants.

5. TO PROMOTE among OAS Member States the sharing of best practices and the implementation of Conditional Cash Transfer Programs throughout the hemisphere, targeting specifically vulnerable youth.

6. TO URGE those Member States with the highest volume of youth migrants to implement comprehensive mentorship programs targeting youth migrants, to be carried out by the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI), specifically encouraging capacity building and fostering social inclusion initiatives.

7. TO FOSTER the collaboration between public-private partnerships, academia, civil society and the OAS in order to work in coordination to implement projects that promote the development of migrant communities and also encourage the commitment of the different Member States to facilitate the implementation of said projects.

8. TO FURTHER REQUEST Member States to pursue the implementation of language programs for youth migrants.

9. TO URGE Member States that have implemented good practices in institutionalizing migration to share their experiences and outcomes with other Member States¹.

¹ The Delegation of Argentina considers this should culminate in the establishment of either a Permanent Informal Interagency Network or a Regular Meeting of a group of experts with the mission of eventually improving the legislature of the corresponding Member States.

**PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF YOUTH AND CHILDREN
IN THE CONTEXT OF HUMAN MOBILITY**

THE 23rd MOAS/PC GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the American Declaration of the Rights and Duties of Man, the American Convention on Human Rights¹, the Declaration of the Rights of the Child, and the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families² state that everyone has the right to freedom of movement and residence within the borders of each State, without distinction, in countries of origin, transit and destination;

HIGHLIGHTING the existence of a humanitarian crisis that particularly affects the youth and children as members of vulnerable groups, which has resulted in human mobility at an unprecedented rate, and that there is a need for greater protection of the human rights of children and youth in the hemisphere; and

WELCOMING the increasing efforts made by the Continuous Reporting System on International Migration in the Americas (SICREMI) in producing reports on human mobility in the Americas,

RESOLVES:

1. TO INSTRUCT the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI) and the Committee on Migration Issues (CAM) to include in the report of the Continuous Reporting System on International Migration in the Americas (SICREMI) a section related to youth and children in human mobility, in order to:

- a) Strengthen human mobility data collection systems and analysis in regards to children and youth;
- b) Obtain greater participation from the Member States in providing data on human mobility of children and youth, and
- c) Encourage all Member States to cross-check and harmonize data collected on the places of origin and destination of child and youth, in order to have more comprehensive and reliable information sources.

¹ The delegations of Venezuela, Saint Lucia, Barbados and Bahamas consider problematic mentioning the American Convention on Human Rights, because they are eight other member states that are not part of the instrument.

² The delegation of Antigua and Barbuda states that it has not ratified this treaty.

2. TO INVITE the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights to draft Guidelines on Public Policies and Best Practices on Human Rights of Youth and Children in the context of human mobility; suggesting that these guidelines focus on, *inter alia*, unaccompanied children, asylum seekers, victims of forced displacement; with emphasis on those affected by organized crime, gang related violence, human trafficking, sexual exploitation, labor exploitation, among other issues present in the region.

3. TO RECOMMEND all Member States to consider adopting the aforementioned guidelines, taking into consideration children's best interest and participation, the right to equality before the law, and their progressive access to economic, social, and cultural rights, as countries of origin, transit and destination.

4. TO ENCOURAGE Member States to cooperate with organizations providing health services to all persons, regardless of their immigration status.

5. TO URGE Member States to assure that all state officials are adequately trained to apply an approach that is both child-sensitive and rights-based when providing security and shelter for children and youth in the context of human mobility, including those children and youth separated from their parents and/or guardians.

6. TO REQUEST Member States to guarantee equal access to education regardless of immigration status.

7. TO GUARANTEE that Member States secure the highest possible standard of living for migrant youth and children including physical, mental, spiritual and social development, through public institutions.

8. TO RECOMMEND that, when providing the services referred to in the above paragraphs, Member States do not require information on the immigration status of children, youth or their families. And that, if accessed, this information should not be used against the children, youth or their families.