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**Parliamentary impetus to local and regional development of countries with high levels of international migration   
and to stopping all forms, including state-sponsored,   
of human-trafficking and human rights abuses**

***Draft resolution submitted by the co-Rapporteurs***

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The 145th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union,

(1) *Expressing its deep concern* at the rise of the smuggling industry as a means of migration for many vulnerable groups,

(2) *Recalling* the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, endorsed by the United Nations General Assembly in 2018,

(3) *Further* *recalling* the IPU resolutions *Migrant workers, people trafficking, xenophobia and human rights* (adopted at the 118th Assembly, Cape Town, April 2008), *Strengthening inter-parliamentary cooperation on migration and migration governance in view of the adoption of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration* (adopted at the 139th Assembly, Geneva, October 2018),

(4) *Reaffirming* the sovereign right of States to determine, in accordance with international law, their national migration policy and their prerogative to govern migration within their jurisdiction,

(5) *Recalling* the [full-scale][[1]](#footnote-1)\* military attack launched by the Russian Federation on 24 February 2022 on the sovereign nation of Ukraine and its people and the subsequent IPU resolution *Peaceful resolution of the war in Ukraine, respecting international law, the Charter of the United Nations and territorial integrity* (adopted at the 144th Assembly, Nusa Dua, March 2022),

(6) *Underlining* that poverty, climate change, inequitable socioeconomic structures and gender play key roles in migration, that peace, security and development are closely interlinked, and that people on the move, irrespective of their legal status, are entitled to the full enjoyment of their human rights, as set out in the relevant international treaties and covenants,

(7) *Noting* the insecurity that various regions in the world are currently experiencing that forces their populations to flee and seek refuge in other countries,

(8) *Affirming* that migration, forced displacement and the flow of refugees are due to the socioeconomic, political and security conditions in countries of origin, as well as the effects of climate change, and that international cooperation is needed to address these structural causes of migration,

(9) *Condemning in the strongest terms* the criminal human-traffickers and people smugglers around the world who benefit from the vulnerabilities of migrants and refugees and exploit these groups for their own individual purposes,

(10) *Noting with great concern* a worldwide trend towards the exploitation of vulnerable migrants for political purposes,

(11) *Regretting and condemning* the tragic deaths of refugees and migrants being smuggled across the Mediterranean, the English Channel and Central Asia, and in the Sahel, the Maghreb, and South and Southeast Asia,

(12) *Seeking to guarantee* the rights of refugees under the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and its 1967 Protocol,

(13) *Reaffirming* the objectives and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Geneva Conventions, as well as the values and principles of the Inter-Parliamentary Union,

(14) *Recalling* the various resolutions of the Security Council of the United Nations that condemn any form of human trafficking and people smuggling in the strongest possible terms, and acknowledging the partnership work of the International Organization for Migration and United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime within the European Union funded initiative *Global Action against Trafficking in Persons and the Smuggling of Migrants* in Asia and the Middle East,

1. *Requests* that the United Nations makes the topic of human trafficking and people smuggling a specific point of focus of the next United Nations General Assembly;

2. *Urges* States and their respective parliaments to make full use of the Global Compact for Migration as a roadmap for improving international cooperation and migration governance;

3. *Calls on* parliaments to promote people’s access to comprehensive and up-to-date information on opportunities, limitations, risks and rights in the event of migration, thus enabling would-be migrants to make informed choices;

4. *Urges* parliaments, in cooperation with their governments, to expand the legal pathways for migration to facilitate labour mobility and skills training, family reunification, and migration for reasons such as armed conflict, gender-based violence, natural disasters and climate change;

5. *Calls on* parliaments to actively engage in the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development to optimize migration governance and address the major drivers of forced and irregular migration – particularly extreme poverty, climate change and natural disasters – and to promote measures aimed at raising awareness and maximizing the development benefits of safe and regular migration;

6. *Urges* the IPU Member Parliaments to ensure that their governments commit to comply with and implement relevant norms of international law and to implement relevant resolutions of the international community and the United Nations Security Council;

7. *Requests* the strengthening of international solidarity with countries where economic and security conditions cause people to migrate and equally with those countries in the world hosting a considerable number of refugees, such as Jordan, Lebanon and Türkiye;

8. *Calls upon* all parliaments and governments to design and implement development programmes that help eliminate inequality, poverty, lack of opportunities and violence experienced by persons in countries with high levels of international migration and migrant transit countries in order to develop opportunities in countries of origin so that people are not forced to leave;

9. *Calls upon* all governments around the world to increase investment in youth employment, social protection and counter-terrorism programmes;

10. *Calls also upon* all governments to take meaningful and coordinated action, including enacting legislation, to dismantle global smuggling and trafficking organizations and networks in order to strengthen efforts to combat people smuggling and human trafficking;

11. *Encourages* governments to strengthen international cooperation to prevent, investigate, prosecute and combat smuggling and trafficking, and to identify and disrupt financial flows related to these activities;

12. *Urges* countries around the world to ensure the practice of state-sponsored instrumentalization of human trafficking is never repeated;

13. *Requests* that countries of origin and transit fully investigate trafficking routes, fully cooperate with States sharing their borders and contribute to stopping the practice of organized human trafficking to other countries;

14. *Requests* that the IPU Secretary General transmit the present resolution to the IPU Member Parliaments, the United Nations Secretary-General and all relevant institutions;

15. *Invites* the IPU Member Parliaments to communicate to the IPU Secretariat by the 149th Assembly the measures taken to achieve implementation of this resolution.

1. \* The rapporteurs held different perspectives on the use of this word. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)