

## **Resolution 2006/2**

### **International migration and development\***

*The Commission on Population and Development,*

*Recalling* the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development adopted at Cairo,<sup>1</sup> in particular chapter X on international migration, and the key actions for the further implementation of the Programme of Action,<sup>2</sup> in particular section II.C on international migration,

*Recognizing* that the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the key actions for its further implementation is integrally linked to global efforts to eradicate poverty and achieve sustainable development and that the achievement of the goals of the Programme of Action is consistent with and makes an essential contribution to the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals,

*Recalling* the relevant provisions on international migration contained, inter alia, in the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development,<sup>3</sup> the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development,<sup>4</sup> the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action<sup>5</sup> and their periodic reviews, and the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action adopted by the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance on 8 September 2001,<sup>6</sup>

*Recalling also* the 2005 World Summit Outcome of 16 September 2005,<sup>7</sup>

*Recalling further* General Assembly 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* all General Assembly resolutions relevant to international migration and development,

*Recalling also* General Assembly resolutions 58/208 of 23 December 2003, 59/241 of 22 December 2004 and 60/227 of 23 December 2005, which are relevant

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\* For the discussion, see chap. II, paras. 11-14.

<sup>1</sup> See *Report of the International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo, 5-13 September 1994* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.95.XIII.18).

<sup>2</sup> See General Assembly resolution S-21/2 of 2 July 1999, annex, and *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-first Special Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/S-21/5/Rev.1)* and A/S-21/PV.9.

<sup>3</sup> *Report of the World Summit for Social Development, Copenhagen, 6-12 March 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.8), chap. I, resolution 1, annex I.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, annex II.

<sup>5</sup> *Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 4-15 September 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.13), chap. I, resolution 1, annexes I and II.

<sup>6</sup> See A/CONF.189/12 and Corr.1, chap. I.

<sup>7</sup> See General Assembly resolution 60/1.

to the setting up and organizing of the High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development which will be held during the sixty-first session of the Assembly and which will discuss the overall theme of the multidimensional aspects of international migration and development in order to identify appropriate ways and means to maximize the development benefits and minimize the negative impacts,

*Reaffirming* the resolve expressed by the Heads of State and Government<sup>8</sup> to take measures to ensure respect for and protection of the human rights of migrants, migrant workers and members of their families,

*Recalling* the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,<sup>9</sup> the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,<sup>10</sup> the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women<sup>11</sup> and the Convention on the Rights of the Child,<sup>12</sup>

*Recalling also* the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families,<sup>13</sup> which entered into force in July 2003,

*Recalling further* the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the supplementing protocols thereto, namely, the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, and the Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air,<sup>14</sup>

*Acknowledging* the important nexus 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 and recognizing that migration brings benefits as well as challenges to the global community,

*Bearing in mind* that policies and initiatives on the issue of migration, including those that refer to the orderly management of migration, should promote holistic approaches that take into account the causes and consequences of the phenomenon, as well as the full respect of the human rights and fundamental freedoms of migrants,

*Recognizing* that remittance flows constitute one of the important aspects of international migration,

*Noting* that the proportion of women and girls among international migrants amounted to nearly 50 per cent in 2005 and deeply concerned about the risks that women and girls, including women migrant workers, are exposed to in the context of migration, such as gender-based discrimination, multiple aggravated forms of discrimination, violence, including sexual violence, migrant smuggling, trafficking

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<sup>8</sup> See the United Nations Millennium Declaration, as contained in General Assembly resolution 55/2 of 8 September 2000, and the 2005 World Summit Outcome.

<sup>9</sup> General Assembly resolution 217 A (III).

<sup>10</sup> General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.

<sup>11</sup> General Assembly resolution 34/180, annex.

<sup>12</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1577, No. 27531.

<sup>13</sup> General Assembly resolution 45/158, annex.

<sup>14</sup> General Assembly resolution 55/25, annexes I to III.

in persons, commercial sexual exploitation and economic exploitation, sexual abuse and other forms of abuse,

*Recognizing* that the increasing feminization of international migration requires greater gender sensitivity in all policies and efforts related to the subject of international migration,

*Recognizing also* the impact of migration on the effectiveness of public services, and the need to address, as appropriate, the shortages of workers, including health and education workers, giving appropriate attention to enhancing the capacity of developing countries in this regard,

*Noting* the efforts of Member States, relevant United Nations bodies, organizations, funds and programmes, and international and intergovernmental organizations, including the International Organization for Migration, in respect of convening events at the national, regional and international levels with a view to advancing the dialogue on the issue of international migration and development,

*Taking note* of the reports of the Secretary-General on world population monitoring<sup>15</sup> and on the monitoring of population programmes,<sup>16</sup> both focusing on international migration and development, and taking note also of the report of the Secretary-General on the flow of financial resources for assisting in the implementation of the Programme of Acti



investment in recipient countries by beneficiaries that are willing and able to undertake such action;

17. *Invites* the countries of origin and destination, in accordance with domestic legislation, to undertake appropriate measures to facilitate the contribution of migrants and migrant communities to the development of their countries of origin;

18. *Recalls* the commitments contained in the 2001 Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS<sup>19</sup> to develop and begin to implement national, regional and international strategies that would facilitate access to HIV/AIDS prevention programmes for migrants and mobile workers, including the provision of information on health and social services;<sup>20</sup>

19. *Invites* Governments to set up or, where they already exist and where necessary, to strengthen relevant institutions and mechanisms for, inter alia, data collection, analysis, the subsequent elaboration of policies, programmes and projects, and their monitoring and evaluation, including by improving skills and increasing resources, with a view to their providing timely, reliable and disaggregated information, including, inter alia, sex- and age-specific information, on international migration flows in countries of origin, transit and destination and their effects on development, and in this regard invites the international community to provide financial and technical assistance to developing countries;

20. *Invites* relevant international organizations and multilateral institutions to enhance their cooperation on methodologies for the collection and processing of statistical data on international migration and the situation of migrants;

21. *Encourages* efforts by Member States and the international community to promote a balanced and comprehensive approach to international migration and development, particu Tw6( pand0.0815 Tw -a/uill)-7(pci)-7(a)rtnnmentship

25. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue his substantive work on international migration and development and, in collaboration with other relevant international organizations, funds and programmes, to continue assessing the progress made in achieving the goals and objectives on international migration and development set out in the outcomes of major United Nations conferences and summits;

26. *Looks forward*