

On behalf of Venezuela and Nicaragua we would like to reiterate our support to some specific proposals and comments made during the consultations by some Latin American countries and that were already sent to the Secretariat related to the Political Declaration (Sections 1, 2 and 4).

Political Declaration- Section 1.

Support proposals made by some Latin American Countries on paragraphs: 1.1/ 1.2/ 1.4/ 1.5/ 1.7/ 1.8/ 1.9/ 1.11/ 1.12/ 1.15/ 1.17/ 1.19/ 1.19 bis.

For paragraph 1.3, we can support the paragraph as it's presented with the deletions of the last sentence, related to the references of IDP. The paragraph may read:

incident. In 2015 their number surpassed 244 million, growing at a rate faster than the world'

s population. However, there are roughly 65 million forcibly displaced persons, including over 21 million refugees, 3 million asylum-seekers. ~~and over 40 million internally displaced persons.~~

For paragraph 1.6, we propose the following amendments:

Support the observation made by some Latin America States expressing that the securitization of a complex phenomenon such as migration dramatically reduces the policy frameworks of Member States and the United Nations and should not be in the text. We are unable to accept a political declaration that calls into questions the security capabilities of neighboring and transit countries in the context of large movements of refugees and migrants.

In addition we prefer to use the formulation to international cooperation instead of responsibility or burdens sharing.

The paragraph may read as following:

crises are now commonplace, with long-term repercussions for those involved and also for their host countries and communities. ~~These burdens must be shared with such countries on an equitable basis.~~ **International Cooperation it's required with such countries on an equitable basis, while taking into account different capacities and resources among States;**

For paragraph 1.10, we propose the following amendments:

Support the observation made by some Latin America Countries. In additions we suggest to use the term “international cooperation” instead of “responsibility sharing”

The paragraph may read as following:

1.10 We acknowledge **international cooperation** ~~a shared global responsibility~~ to manage large movements of refugees and migrants in a **based on human rights and in humane**, sensitive and compassionate manner, while acknowledging that there are varying capacities to respond to these movements. International cooperation, and in particular cooperation among countries of origin or nationality, transit and destination, has never been more important; win-win cooperation in this area has profound benefits for humanity. Refugees and migrants involved in large movements must have the comprehensive policy support, practical assistance and legal protection consistent with States' obligations under international law. We also

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Political Declaration- Section 2.

September 2016, we look forward to the pledges of support which individual Member States are expected to make there.