

**22ND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
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RESOLUTION APPF22/RES 18

MIGRATION FLOWS IN ASIA PACIFIC

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The 22nd Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum,

Considering that the Asia Pacific area involves approximately 4 thousand million people representing the 75% of the world population and that over 80 of the 200 million of international migrants estimated around the world do live in the Asia Pacific area;

Bearing in mind that according to the World Bank's figures, 7 out of the 10 countries with the highest net migration in 2012 correspond to countries of the Asia Pacific region;

Mindful of the fact that international migration answers to a variety of reasons, including labor mobility, income diversification, family (re)unification, expectations and life models in the regions of destination;

Concerned by a reality of vulnerability that thousands of migrants have to face, where they are particularly exposed to the violation of their fundamental human rights, to exploitation and violence by the transnational criminal networks involved in illicit trafficking and people trafficking;

Noting the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of all Migrant Workers and their Families adopted in December 1990 by the United Nations Organization (UN);

Considering that, especially in the Asia Pacific region, the impact of the natural disasters is related to the increase of migration, resulting from the displacement from their homes and the destruction of rural and urban environments, severely affecting the poor people and those groups marginalized from the population who are the least able to migrate in good conditions and have the least resources;

Aware of the fact that the climate change can act as an aggravating factor to the environment degradation, increasing the number of people migrating due to the environmental changes;

Recalling that migrants greatly contribute to the development not only of their countries of destination but also of their countries of origin, due to the positive impact of the remittances on the last ones;

RESOLVES TO:

- 1. Encourage** the APPF member parliaments to work in order to achieve the standardization of the immigrants' recognized rights, including labor rights pursuant to the standards suggested by the International Labor Organization (ILO), safeguarding their dignity and freedom;
- 2. Exhort** the governments of the Asia Pacific region to take the legal and administrative measures, and others, to ease the mechanisms to make remittance transfers and to set the international cooperation mechanisms that allow a better use of the migrants' remittances contribution to the development;
- 3. Urge** the countries of the region, both the countries of origin and receiving, to double their efforts on cooperation matters to

prevent migrants from being exploited and their rights violated by criminal networks that deal with illicit trafficking and human trafficking;

- 4. Request** the national authorities to set domestic mechanisms that can be complemented through international cooperation, to care for the special situation of vulnerability that the displaced people suffer along the borders due to natural disasters.

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