

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:

1.3 We are witnessing in today's world an unprecedented level of human mobility. More people than ever before live in a country other than the one where they were born. Migrants are present in all countries in the world. Most of them move without 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:

1.6 Large movements of refugees and migrants have political, economic, social, developmental, humanitarian and human rights ramifications which cross all borders. These are global phenomena which call for global approaches and global solutions. No one State can manage such movements on its own. Neighboring or transit countries, mostly developing countries, are disproportionately affected. ~~Their capacities have been stretched to breaking point, threatening their own social and economic cohesion as well as their development and security.~~ In addition, protracted refugee

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 recall our obligation to respect their human rights and fundamental freedoms fully, and we stress their critical need to live their lives in safety and dignity. We pledge this support to those affected today as well as to those who will be part of future large movements.

- **For paragraph 1.13, we propose the following amendments:**

We support the observation made by Cuba in order to begin the first sentence of the paragraph with a stronger formulation: **“We strongly condemns acts, manifestations and expressions of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance against migrants and the stereotypes often applied to them, including on the basis of religion or belief.”**

The paragraph may read as following:

- **“We strongly condemns acts, manifestations and expressions of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance against migrants and the stereotypes often applied to them, including on the basis of religion or belief.”**

~~We strongly condemn xenophobia and racism.~~ Diversity enriches every society and contributes to social cohesion. Demonizing refugees or migrants offends profoundly

against the values of dignity and equality for every human being to which we have committed ourselves. Gathered today at the United Nations, the birthplace and custodian of these universal values, we declare all manifestations of xenophobia, racial discrimination and intolerance to be utterly unacceptable. We will take a range of steps to counter such attitudes and behaviour, in particular hate speech and racial violence. We support, and will implement, the global campaign proposed by the Secretary General to counter xenophobia, and we will do so in cooperation with the United Nations, the private sector and civil society. This campaign will emphasize, inter alia, direct personal contact between host communities and refugees and migrants and will highlight the positive contributions made by the latter as well as our common humanity.

- **For paragraph 1.14, we propose the following amendments:**

Support the observation made by some Latin America Countries, but in addition name properly the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

The paragraph may read as following:

1.14 We reaffirm the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter. We reaffirm also the Universal Declaration of Human Rights ~~and Fundamental Freedoms~~ and the core international human rights treaties. We reaffirm, and will fully protect, the human rights of all refugees and migrants, regardless of status; all are rights holders. Our response will demonstrate full respect for international law, **including international human rights law**, and where applicable ~~international human rights law~~, international refugee law and international humanitarian law.

- **For paragraph 1.16, we propose the following amendments:**

1.16 Implementation of all ~~relevant~~ provisions of the Agenda will enable the contribution which migrants are making to sustainable development to be reinforced. At the same time, it will address many of the root causes of forced displacement, helping to create more favourable conditions in countries of origin. Meeting today a year after our adoption of the 2030 Agenda, we are determined to realize the full potential of that Agenda for refugees and migrants.

- **For paragraph 1.18, we propose to use the term “take note” instead of welcoming:**

1.18 ~~We welcome~~ **take note** the report from the Secretary-General, entitled “In Safety and Dignity: Addressing Large Movements of Refugees and Migrants”, which was published in May 2016 (pursuant to GA Decision A/70/L.34) in preparation for this High Level Meeting.

Political Declaration- Section 2.

Support proposals made by some Latin American Countries on paragraphs: 2.0 / 2.1 /2.3 /2.4 /2.5 /2.6 /2.7/2.8 2.9/2.10/2.11/2.12/ 2.13/ 2.14 / 2.15/ 2.16 /2.16 bis/ 2.17.

Regarding paragraph 2.1. We support the comment made by made by some Latin American Countries in order to Delete “at risk” when referring to women. And in addition we prefer not to have a list when referring to the population in vulnerable situation.

Political Declaration- Section 4.

We support the comment made today by made by some Latin American Countries regarding paragraphs: 4.2/4.3/4.4/4.6/4.7/4.8/4.9/4.10/4.11/4.12/4.13/4.14/4.15/4.16/4.17/4.18/.4.19/4.20/4.21/4.22.

Regarding the paragraph 4.5 we prefer to use the term **international cooperation** instead of responsibility and burden sharing.

Regarding paragraphs 4.1 and 4.23 We prefer not to make reference to those initiatives that haven't been discuss and agreed within Member states in this regard the paragraph may read:

4.1 Recognizing that armed conflict, other situations of violence, instability and human rights violations are among the factors which give rise to large refugee movements, we will work to prevent or resolve conflict by peaceful means. We will tackle the root causes of conflict and work in every way possible for the achievement of the political solutions required. ~~Early response to human rights violations and abuses is critical and we note in this respect the Secretary General's "Human Rights Up Front" initiative.~~ We will also promote good governance, the rule of law and sustainable development at the international, regional, national and levels. Recognizing that displacement could be reduced if international humanitarian law were respected by all parties to armed conflict, we renew our commitment to uphold humanitarian principles and international humanitarian law. We confirm also our respect for the norms which safeguard civilians in conflict.

~~4.23 Noting the high-level meeting on refugees which the United States, Jordan, Ethiopia, Sweden, Canada, Germany and the Secretary General will host on 20~~

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