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The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions [58/208](#) of 23 December 2003, [59/241](#) of 22 December 2004, [60/227](#) of 23 December 2005, [61/208](#) of 20 December 2006, [63/225](#) of 19 December 2008, [65/170](#) of 20 December 2010, [67/219](#) of 21 December 2012, [69/229](#) of 19 December 2014, [71/237](#) of 21 December 2016 and [73/241](#) of 20 December 2018 on international migration and development, its resolution [68/4](#) of 3 October 2013, by which it adopted the Declaration of the High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development, its resolution [60/206](#) of 22 December 2005 on the facilitation and reduction of the cost of transfer of migrant remittances, its resolutions [62/156](#) of 18 December 2007, [64/166](#) of 18 December 2009, [66/172](#) of 19 December 2011, [68/179](#) of 18 December 2013, [69/167](#) of 18 December 2014 and [70/147](#) of 17 December 2015 on the protection of migrants and its resolution [62/270](#) of 20 June 2008 on the Global Forum on Migration and Development, and recalling also chapter X of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development¹ and Commission on Population and Development resolutions 2006/2 of 10 May 2006,² 2008/1 of 11 April 2008,³ [2013/1](#) of 26 April 2013⁴ and [2014/1](#) of 11 April 2014,⁵

Reaffirming its resolution [70/1](#) of 25 September 2015, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, in which it adopted a comprehensive, far-reaching and people-centred set of universal and transformative

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

¹ *Report of the International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo, 5–13 September 1994* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.95.XIII.18), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

² See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2006, Supplement No. 5 (E/2006/25)*, chap. I, sect. B.

³ *Ibid.*, 2008, *Supplement No. 5 (E/2008/25)*, chap. I, sect. B.

⁴ *Ibid.*, 2013, *Supplement No. 5 (E/2013/25)*, chap. I, sect. B.

⁵ *Ibid.*, 2014, *Supplement No. 5 (E/2014/25)*, chap. I, sect. B.



Sustainable Development Goals and targets, its commitment to working tirelessly for the full implementation of the Agenda by 2030, its recognition that eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, is the greatest global challenge and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development, its commitment to achieving sustainable development in its three dimensions – economic, social and environmental – in a balanced and integrated manner, and to building upon the achievements of the Millennium Development Goals and seeking to address their unfinished business,

Reaffirming also its resolution [69/313](#) of 27 July 2015 on the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, which is an integral part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, supports and complements it, helps to contextualize its means of implementation targets with concrete policies and actions, and reaffirms the strong political commitment to address the challenge of financing and creating an enabling environment at all levels for sustainable development in the spirit of global partnership and solidarity,

Reaffirming further the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants, adopted at the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly on addressing large movements of refugees and migrants, held at United Nations Headquarters on 19 September 2016,⁶

Reaffirming the New Urban Agenda, which was adopted at the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III), held in Quito from 17 to 20 October 2016,⁷ and recognizing the linkages between migration and sustainable urbanization and sustainable urban development,

Reaffirming also the Paris Agreement,⁸ and encouraging all its parties to fully implement the Agreement, and parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change⁹ that have not yet done so to deposit their instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, where appropriate, as soon as possible,

Recalling the Sendai Declaration and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030, adopted at the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction,¹⁰ and those provisions that are applicable to migrants,

Recalling also the second High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development, held in New York on 3 and 4 October 2013, which addressed constructively the issue of international migration and development and explored the opportunities and the challenges that international migration presents, including the protection of the human rights of migrants and the contribution of migrants to development,

Recalling further the Declaration of the High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development adopted on 3 October 2013 on the occasion of the High-level Dialogue,

Recognizing the positive contributions of migrants to inclusive growth and sustainable development in their countries of origin, transit and destination, and to the response and recovery to the crisis caused by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19), at the same time noting with concern that migrants are among those in situations vulnerable to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic as a result of a variety

⁶ Resolution [71/1](#).

⁷ Resolution [71/256](#), annex.

⁸ Adopted under the UNFCCC in [FCCC/CP/2015/10/Add.1](#), decision 1/CP.21.

⁹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1771, No. 30822.

¹⁰ Resolution [69/283](#), annexes I and II.

of factors including their living and working conditions, their migration status, their limited local knowledge and networks, their level of inclusion in host countries and xenophobia against them, emphasizing that, in many countries, migrants make up a disproportionate share of the workforce in sectors that have remained open and active throughout the crisis, while also being overrepresented in some sectors hardest hit by the pandemic, pushing them to underemployment and unemployment, also noting with concern that the measures implemented to stop the spread of the virus, such as lockdowns and site closures, have at times worsened the living conditions of migrants, and that border closures have also put pressure on job security and have increased irregularity, and further noting with concern that COVID-19 has emerged as a unique threat to remittances, as the effects of the pandemic on sustainable development have deprived many migrant workers of their main source of income, thus harming the ability of remittance-receiving families to meet basic needs,

Reaffirming the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,¹¹ recalling the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,¹² the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,¹³ the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,¹⁴ the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,¹⁵ the Convention on the Rights of the Child¹⁶ and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities,¹⁷ and recalling also the Declaration on the Right to Development,¹⁸

Encouraging States that have not done so to consider ratifying or acceding to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families¹⁹ and to consider acceding to relevant conventions of the International Labour Organization, as appropriate,

Recalling the importance of the decent work agenda of the International Labour Organization, including for migrant workers, the eight fundamental Conventions of that Organization and the Global Jobs Pact adopted by the International Labour Conference at its ninety-eighth session as a general framework within which each country can formulate policy packages specific to its situation and national priorities in order to promote a job-intensive recovery and sustainable development,

Recognizing the valuable contribution of the Global Forum on Migration and Development to addressing the multidimensional nature of international migration and promoting balanced and comprehensive approaches and dialogue on migration and development, and acknowledging that it has proved to be a valuable forum for holding frank and open discussions, including through multi-stakeholder dialogues, and that it has helped to build trust among participating stakeholders through the exchange of experiences and good practices and by virtue of its voluntary, intergovernmental, non-binding and informal character and the engagement of civil society actors as well as the private sector,

Acknowledging the important and complex interrelationship 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, recognizing that migration brings benefits and challenges to the global community,

¹¹ Resolution 217 A (III).

¹² See resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

¹³ Ibid.

¹⁴ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 660, No. 9464.

¹⁵ Ibid., vol. 1249, No. 20378.

¹⁶ Ibid., vol. 1577, No. 27531.

¹⁷ Ibid., vol. 2515, No. 44910.

¹⁸ Resolution 41/128, annex.

¹⁹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2220, No. 39481.

and confirming the importance of including the matter in relevant debates and discussions held at the global, regional and national levels, as appropriate, including at the level of the United Nations and other international organizations, in relation to development,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;²⁰
2. *Recognizes* the need to strengthen synergies between international migration and development at all levels, including the global, regional, national and local levels, as appropriate;
3. *Acknowledges* the shared responsibility to manage large movements of migrants and recognizes the varying capacities and resources to respond to these movements, and decides to take steps to ensure that migrants are fully included in national and global responses to the COVID-19 pandemic and recovery efforts, in the spirit of international cooperation and in line with national policies, legislation and circumstances, cognizant of their vulnerabilities and contribution to the COVID-19 crisis response and to sustainable development efforts, among others, ensuring full respect for the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all migrants, keeping remittances flowing and bringing transaction costs as close to zero as possible and strengthening bilateral, subregional, regional and multilateral cooperation to ensure the protection, well-being and effective reintegration into labour markets of migrant workers and their families;
4. *Recommits* to ensuring full respect for the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all migrants, regardless of their migration status, and supporting countries of origin, transit and destination in the spirit of international cooperation, taking into account national circumstances;
5. *Reaffirms* the convening of the intergovernmental conference held on 10 and 11 December 2018 in Marrakech, Morocco, and recalls that it adopted the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, also known as the Marrakech Compact on Migration;²¹
6. *Notes* that the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration is the first intergovernmentally negotiated outcome, prepared under the auspices of the United Nations, to cover international migration in all its dimensions;
7. *Recognizes* that the High-level Dialogues on International Migration and Development have served as forums to advance discussions on the multidimensional aspects of international migration and development in order to identify appropriate ways and means to maximize its development benefits and minimize its negative impacts;
8. *Notes* that, with the adoption of the Global Compact, the High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development shall be repurposed into the International Migration Review Forum, which will serve as the primary intergovernmental global platform for Member States to discuss and share progress on the implementation of all aspects of the Global Compact, including as it relates to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,²² and with the participation of all relevant stakeholders, and that the Forum is to be held every four years, beginning in 2022;
9. *Recalls* the high-level debate on international migration and development held on 27 February 2019 under the auspices of the President of the General

²⁰ [A/75/292](#).

²¹ Resolution [73/195](#), annex.

²² Resolution [70/1](#).

Assembly, in lieu of the 2019 High-level Dialogue, to inform the high-level political forum on sustainable development, which will review the Goals and targets relevant to migration of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, taking into consideration the outcomes of other processes related to international migration and development;

10. *Welcomes* the decision of the Secretary-General to establish a United Nations network on migration;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, at its seventy-seventh session, a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

12. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-seventh session, under the item entitled “Globalization and interdependence”, the sub-item entitled “International migration and development”.
