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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, [73/241](#) of 20 December 2018 and [75/226](#) of 21 December 2020 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, [70/147](#) of 17 December 2015, [72/179](#) of 19 December 2017, [74/148](#) of 18 December 2019 and [76/172](#) of 16 December 2021 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 and the Declaration on

* 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.



the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development, adopted on 1 April 2019,⁶

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 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 Urban Agenda,⁷ the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030⁸ and the political declaration of the high-level meeting on universal health coverage,⁹ as well as major outcome documents in relation to countries in special situations,

Reaffirming 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 2016,¹⁰

Reaffirming also the Paris Agreement,¹¹ and encouraging all its parties to fully implement the Agreement, and parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change¹² that have not yet done so to deposit their instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, where appropriate, as soon as possible,

Noting with great concern the threat to human health, safety and well-being caused by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, as well as the severe disruption to societies and economies and the devastating impact on lives and livelihoods, and that the poorest and most vulnerable are the hardest hit by the pandemic, reaffirming the ambition to get back on track to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals by designing sustainable and inclusive recovery strategies to accelerate progress towards the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda and to help to reduce the risk of future shocks, and recognizing that the COVID-19 pandemic requires a global response based on unity, solidarity and renewed multilateral cooperation,

⁶ Ibid., 2019, *Supplement No. 5* ([E/2019/25](#)), chap. I, sect. B.

⁷ Resolution [71/256](#), annex.

⁸ Resolution [69/283](#), annex II.

⁹ Resolution [74/2](#).

¹⁰ Resolution [71/1](#).

¹¹ Adopted under the UNFCCC in [FCCC/CP/2015/10/Add.1](#), decision 1/CP.21.

¹² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1771, No. 30822.

Reaffirming the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,¹³ recalling the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,¹⁴ the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,¹⁵ the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,¹⁶ the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,¹⁷ the Convention on the Rights of the Child¹⁸ and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities,¹⁹ and recalling also the Declaration on the Right to Development,²⁰

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 Families²¹ and to consider acceding to relevant conventions of the International Labour Organization, as appropriate,

Recognizing the positive role and contributions of millions of migrants in responding to and recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic, including as essential workers,

Recognizing also that remittance flows constitute sources of private capital, complement domestic savings and are instrumental in improving the well-being of recipients, bearing in mind that remittances cannot be considered a substitute for foreign direct investment, official development assistance, debt relief or other public sources of financing for development,

Expressing concern that remittance costs still remain far above the Sustainable Development Goal target of 3 per cent or lower, and expressing its concern at the continued decline in correspondent banking relationships, due to de-risking trends, and its adverse consequences on low-value remittance flows,

Also expressing concern that progress achieved in facilitating and harnessing the benefits of safe, orderly and regular migration is slow and uneven in many areas and that the COVID-19 pandemic has reshaped many aspects of international migration and negatively impacted progress, and created new, and exacerbated existing situations of vulnerability for migrants,

Expressing deep concern that the pandemic has had a severe and disproportionate impact on migrants, including through increased COVID-19 exposure, discrimination, violence, job losses, wage theft, protracted family separation, and restricted or lack of access to health-care services and other basic services, including vaccines, social protection, education and child services, and being subjected to unsafe and undignified returns,

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

¹³ Resolution [217 A \(III\)](#).

¹⁴ See resolution [2200A \(XXI\)](#), annex.

¹⁵ Ibid.

¹⁶ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 660, No. 9464.

¹⁷ Ibid., vol. 1249, No. 20378.

¹⁸ Ibid., vol. 1577, No. 27531.

¹⁹ Ibid., vol. 2515, No. 44910.

²⁰ Resolution [41/128](#), annex.

²¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2220, No. 39481.

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, 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;²²
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. *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;
4. *Recalls* the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, adopted at the Intergovernmental Conference to Adopt the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, held in Marrakech, Morocco, on 10 and 11 December 2018, and endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution [73/195](#) of 19 December 2018;
5. *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;
6. *Recognizes* the positive contribution of migrants to inclusive growth and sustainable development and that international migration is a multidimensional reality of major relevance for the development of countries of origin, transit and destination, which requires coherent and comprehensive responses and balanced approaches, and also recognizes that international migration is a cross-cutting phenomenon that no one State can manage on its own and that calls for global approaches and global solutions, as well as the integration of sustainable development, with due regard for social, economic and environmental dimensions, and should be addressed in a balanced manner through a whole-of-government approach and with respect for human rights;
7. *Acknowledges* the complexity of migratory flows and that international migration movements also occur within the same geographical regions, and in this context calls for a better understanding of migration patterns across and within regions, regardless of the level of development, and recognizes the importance of strengthening joint analysis and sharing of information to better map, understand, predict and address migration movements, such as those that may result from sudden-onset and slow-onset natural disasters, the adverse effects of climate change and

²² [A/77/236](#).

environmental degradation, as well as other precarious situations, while ensuring effective respect for and protection and fulfilment of the human rights of all migrants;

8. *Reaffirms* the importance of facilitating orderly, safe, regular and responsible migration and mobility of people, including through the implementation of planned and well-managed migration policies, and recommits to cooperating internationally to ensure safe, orderly and regular migration involving full respect for human rights and the humane treatment of migrants, regardless of their migration status, and to supporting countries of origin, transit and destination in the spirit of international cooperation, taking into account national circumstances;

9. *Takes note with appreciation* of the convening of the first International Migration Review Forum from 17 to 20 May 2022, and the endorsement of its Progress Declaration as a whole, without a vote, by the General Assembly in its resolution [76/266](#) of 7 June 2022, and in this regard encourages Member States to implement the following recommended actions to accelerate the implementation of the Global Compact and to strengthen international cooperation on international migration;

(a) Building on promising practices to harness the benefits of safe, orderly and regular migration, including those that emerged in the response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and to providing all migrants with safe access to basic services, regardless of their migration status, as well as continuity of care, COVID-19 vaccinations, testing and treatment in line with universal health coverage, to ensure that no one is left behind in achieving the 2030 Agenda;

(b) Accelerating efforts, at all levels, to integrate public health considerations into migration policies and incorporating the health needs of migrants in national and local health-care services, policies and plans, in ways which are transparent, equitable, non-discriminatory, people-centred, gender-responsive, child-sensitive and disability-responsive, and which leave no one behind;

(c) Promoting the meaningful contribution of migrants to policy development, delivery and reviews, and recommitting to fostering inclusive and cohesive societies, by strengthening the provision of information, support and services, which contribute to migrants' integration;

(d) Eliminating all forms of discrimination, including racism, systemic racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, stigmatization, hate speech, hate crimes targeting migrants and diasporas as well as negative stereotyping and misleading narratives that generate negative perceptions of migration and migrants, including by reviewing, developing and implementing relevant legislation, policies and practices and promoting evidence-based public discourse, inter alia in partnership with local authorities, migrants, diaspora communities and the media, bearing in mind the role of migrants as agents of sustainable development and as rights holders;

(e) Respecting, protecting and fulfilling the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all migrants, including those of women and children, regardless of their migration status, and addressing international migration through international, regional or bilateral cooperation and dialogue and a comprehensive and balanced approach, recognizing the roles and responsibilities of countries of origin, transit and destination in promoting and protecting the human rights of all migrants and ensuring that their legislation and migration policies and practices are non-discriminatory and consistent with their applicable international human rights obligations, in order to avoid approaches that might create or aggravate situations of vulnerability for migrants;

(f) Developing national gender-responsive and child-sensitive migration policies and legislation in line with relevant obligations under international law to respect, protect and fulfil the human rights of all migrant women and children, in particular girls, regardless of their migration status;

(g) Respecting, protecting and fulfilling the human rights of all migrant children, regardless of their migration status, including unaccompanied or separated migrant children, ensuring that the best interests of the child are a primary consideration in all actions concerning children in their legislation, policies and practices, including those related to integration, return and family reunification, as well as considering, through appropriate mechanisms, progress and challenges in working to end the practice of child detention in the context of international migration;

(h) Enhancing international cooperation, especially by actions that accelerate the realization of the 2030 Agenda, including the Sustainable Development Goals, through a revitalized Global Partnership for Sustainable Development, with the aim of eliminating the adverse drivers and structural factors that hinder people from building and maintaining sustainable livelihoods and fulfilling their personal aspirations, and so compel them to leave their country of origin;

(i) Strengthening their efforts to enhance and diversify the availability of pathways for safe, orderly and regular migration, including in response to demographic and labour market realities, and for migrants in vulnerable situations, as well as those affected by disasters, climate change and environmental degradation, including by working coherently across all relevant multilateral forums, concluding labour mobility agreements, optimizing education opportunities, facilitating access to procedures for family reunification through appropriate measures that promote the realization of the right to family life and the best interests of the child, and regularizing migrants in an irregular situation, in line with national laws, and providing migrants with access to information pertaining to their rights and obligations during all stages of migration, including information on fair and ethical recruitment, skills, qualifications, entry and exit requirements, living and working conditions, wages and benefits, and access to justice and services, among others;

(j) Strengthening their efforts to take legislative or other measures to prevent, combat and eradicate trafficking in persons, including forced labour, in the context of international migration, including by intensifying bilateral, regional and international cooperation to investigate, prosecute and penalize trafficking in persons, as well as to ensure the effective identification, protection of and assistance to migrants who have become victims of trafficking in persons, not conditional upon cooperation with the authorities against suspected traffickers, including by providing access to gender-responsive and child-sensitive measures for their physical, psychological and social recovery and reintegration, facilitating access to justice, and avoiding the criminalization of migrants who are victims of trafficking in persons for trafficking-related offences;

(k) Intensifying joint efforts, including through international cooperation between countries of origin, transit and destination, to prevent and counter the smuggling of migrants, in full respect for human rights, by protecting the lives and human rights of migrants, ensuring safe and effective access to justice for migrant victims of crime and ensuring that migrants do not become liable to criminal prosecution for the fact of having been the object of smuggling, notwithstanding potential prosecution for other violations of national law, as well as by combating the criminal activity and ending the impunity of smuggling networks, which put the lives of migrants at risk, and by enhancing pathways for safe, orderly and regular migration;

(l) Strengthening their efforts to cooperate for safe and dignified return and to guarantee due process, individual assessment and effective remedy, including by upholding the prohibition of collective expulsion in accordance with obligations under international human rights law, and to ensure that their nationals are duly received and readmitted, in full respect for the human right to return to one's own country and the obligation of States to readmit their own nationals, and accelerating their efforts in order that returning migrants are assisted in their sustainable reintegration process through effective partnerships;

(m) Enhancing cooperation to address violence, including sexual and gender-based violence, and harassment against women migrant workers in line with obligations under international law and relevant labour standards, and to eliminate situations of vulnerability for women migrant workers by promoting decent work, such as minimum wage policies, by facilitating safe and effective access to justice, and by protecting and supporting victims and survivors of all forms of violence, including harassment;

(n) Accelerating efforts to ensure that all migrants have proof of legal identity and adequate documentation and that their nationals have non-discriminatory access to proof of nationality and other relevant documents, including by strengthening identification procedures and documentation systems, including through digitalization efforts, as well as consular capacities and cooperation, including through technical assistance and bilateral or regional agreements;

(o) Continuing their efforts to facilitate the mutual recognition of formally and informally acquired skills and competencies acquired by migrants, including by issuing documents to this effect as appropriate, supporting the skilling and reskilling of migrants and returning migrants, promoting decent work opportunities, enhancing international cooperation to allow for the recovery of earned wages, benefits and entitlements of returning migrants, and promoting the sustainable reintegration of returning migrants by providing them with equal access to social protection and services;

(p) Taking concrete action to reduce the average transaction cost of migrant remittances, by 2030, to less than 3 per cent of the amount transferred, in line with target 10.c of the 2030 Agenda, including by adopting digital solutions for faster, safer and cheaper remittances, promoting digital and financial inclusion and accelerating access to transaction accounts for migrants;

10. *Encourages* Member States to integrate migration as a cross-cutting issue in national development plans, development cooperation and other relevant frameworks, and through the voluntary elaboration of ambitious and inclusive national implementation plans, in line with a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach, and, upon request, to expand international cooperation and partnerships to implement the vision of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, including through financial and technical assistance to developing countries, especially to African countries, the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries, small island developing States and middle-income countries;

11. *Also encourages* Member States to give due attention to migration when preparing their voluntary national reviews in the context of the high-level political forum on sustainable development by, inter alia, including relevant data and indicators from the global indicator framework for the Sustainable Development Goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda, and requests the Secretary-General, through the United Nations Network on Migration, to develop guidance for Member States in that regard;

12. *Encourages* the international community to redouble the support provided to developing countries in the planning and conduct of their censuses to address the severe adverse impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on census-taking around the world, as well as in the collection of data from other sources, including administrative records, household surveys and specialized surveys, including migration data, with a view to strengthening the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of public policies, while underscoring the need to scale up financial support, equipment and infrastructure and technical assistance so as to strengthen the capacities of national statistical offices and fill data gaps;

13. *Encourages* Member States to ratify, accede to and implement relevant international instruments on preventing and combating trafficking in persons and the smuggling of migrants;

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

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