

CALL FOR REFORM IN SUPPORT OF THE RIGHTS OF REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS

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The WFUNA Plenary Assembly,

Recognizing the need for United Nations member states to reaffirm and/or reevaluate policies, regulations, and rights afforded to those migrating to or through their respective nation as refugees fleeing oppression and/or dangerous environmentsⁱ;

Recalling Article 1(2) of the United Nations 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugeesⁱⁱ that defines a refugee as someone who "owing to well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion, is outside the country of their nationality and is unable or, owing to such fear, is unwilling to avail themselves of the protection of that country; or who, not having a nationality and being outside the country of their former habitual residence as a result of such events, is unable or, owing to such fear, is unwilling to return to it";

Recalling the Global Compact for Migrationⁱⁱⁱ as the first intergovernmental negotiated agreement, prepared under the auspices of the United Nations, to cover all dimensions of international migration in a holistic and comprehensive manner;

Reminding the United Nations' member states to uphold the Universal Declaration of Human Rights for the protection of rights of all persons;

Calls upon United Nations' member states to take the following actions:

1. Establish a review and reevaluation of national policies and regulations regarding refugees and migrants^v,
2. Provide access to basic services (i.e shelter and assistance) for refugees and migrants,
3. Cooperate in facilitating safe and dignified entry, return, readmission and sustainable reintegration of all individuals seeking assistance^v,
4. Afford all rights and protections prescribed by international agreements and by the United Nations to refugees and migrants,
5. Establish, in accordance with national laws and regulations, a governmental entity dedicated to all aspects of the needs of refugees and migrants,
6. Establish in accordance with national laws and regulations an "Office of the Special Rapporteur for the Review of Refugee and Migrant Policies" to conduct a periodical review and issue recommendations for change and monitor actions of reform^{vi};



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Urges all United Nations' member states to support the rights of refugees and migrants, to ensure the indispensable stability and protection of their inalienable rights, and to uphold and adopt of the commitments set forth in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees, and the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants.

ⁱ <https://www.amnesty.org/en/what-we-do/refugees-asylum-seekers-and-migrants/>
<https://ijrcenter.org/refugee-law/>

ⁱⁱ <https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/G17/292/47/PDF/G1729247.pdf?OpenElement>

ⁱⁱⁱ <https://www.ohchr.org/en/instruments-mechanisms/instruments/convention-relating-status-refugees>
<https://refugeesmigrants.un.org/migration-compact>

^{iv} <https://www.ohchr.org/en/migration/new-york-declaration-refugees-and-migrants#:~:text=The%20New%20York%20Declaration%20included,Safe%2C%20Orderly%20and%20Regular%20Migration.>

^v <https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N18/244/47/PDF/N1824447.pdf?OpenElement>

^{vi} https://www.ohchr.org/sites/default/files/Documents/Issues/Migration/MigrationHR_improvingHR_Report.pdf

^{vii} https://migrationnetwork.un.org/sites/g/files/tmzbd1416/files/docs/position_paper_-_ensuring_safe_and_dignified_return_and_sustainable_reintegration.pdf

^{viii} https://migrationnetwork.un.org/system/files/resources_files/WG5%20Return%20and%20Reintegration%20Checklist%20formatted%20%28002%29.pdf

^{ix} <https://www.iom.int/return-and-reintegration>

^x <https://www.ohchr.org/en/special-procedures/sr-migrants>