



Resolution on the humanitarian crisis as a result of migration

Recognizing that migratory flows from one continent to another, from one country to another, have occurred since ancient times and that Panamanian culture, like the culture of many Latin American countries, projects the distinctive stamp of the culture of Africans, Spaniards and Arabs who migrated to the region;

Taking into account the United Nations General Assembly resolution of December 19th, 2018 which has adopted *The Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration*;

Reaffirming the commitment of the Partido Panameñista-creator, through its leader Arnulfo Arias Madrid, of the most sensitive social laws inserted in the Panamanian national being - with a humane management of migration;

Valuing the importance of the human rights of migrants, whether by forced, voluntary, regular or irregular migration, and recognizing the great contributions received from those who have left their country of origin in search of a better life for themselves and their families, due to the labor and migration policies of the countries of origin and destination, by the social and political conflicts they face in their countries and that drives cross-border migration;

The Centrist Democratic International IDC-CDI:

1- Demands that public policies on migration issues in Panama respond to a clear and updated migration policy at the national level and respecting the Conventions, Agreements and International Treaties. Given the serious migration crisis that the country is experiencing, reflected in official figures that tell us that in 2021, about 130,000 migrants crossed the border and that so far this year 2022, the border has been crossed by about 158,000 people, we cannot ignore the inefficiency of an outdated migration policy and the absence of an effective coordination with the security forces of the country;

2- Denounces that the mass grave in the municipality of Aguas Frías in the province of Darién shows the deposit of inert human lives every week and that the route of migrants in the Darién



jungle is the same route of drug trafficking and that State security is absent in the border area between the Panamanian jungle and Colombia;

3- Condemns the fact that the environmental crisis caused by uncontrolled migration in the area every day exposes hundreds of endangered species, due to illegal hunting and pollution.

4- Recognizes that the solution to the problem is not only in Panama, but in the coordinated action of all countries involved in the problem. It also recognizes that the Panamanian Government has not been up to the task of controlling a situation that takes the lives of hundreds of migrants who cross the country and that it lacks of an economic, social, cultural, educational, work, welfare, health, housing plan and a dignified life without violence for the high number of migrants who stay in our territory. We are referring to a high number of migrants in a country that has 4 million, 382 thousand inhabitants in 2021.

5- It demands a migration policy in Panama with a humanitarian approach that guarantees fundamental rights, and also with a responsible perspective based on the safety of the population at the borders and transit territories. The current humanitarian crisis is one of the greatest challenges of this generation in Panama, from the Centrist Democratic International we express our maximum constructive will to address the problem as a matter of State in Panama.

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