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ON

RECOGNIZING THE ECONOMIC, CIVIC, AND SOCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF MIGRANTS

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1. <u>Reaffirming</u> the cultural diversity of OSCE participating States and the centuries of migration which have resulted in the rich culture now expressed and celebrated in those States,

2. <u>Reaffirming</u> commitments of OSCE participating States to cooperate on migration mechanisms consistent with universal human rights and respectful of both the historical contribution of migrant communities and the needs of the global economy,

3. <u>Noting</u> the 2008 Supplementary HDIM this year entitled, The Role of National Institutions against Discrimination in Combating Racism and Xenophobia with Special Focus on Persons belonging to National Minorities and Migrants which will assist in recognizing the positive contributions of migrants in OSCE states,

4. <u>Recalling</u> the OSCE Ministerial Council in Sofia of December 2004, at which participating States committed themselves to "take steps, in conformity with their domestic law and international obligations, against discrimination, intolerance and xenophobia against migrants and migrant workers," and "consider undertaking activities to raise public awareness of the enriching contribution of migrants and migrant workers into society,"

5. <u>Recognizing</u> the diversity of migrant communities throughout participating States which include students, scholars, and workers of all skill levels, who serve important roles in society, yet due to policies in both countries of origin and destination have not developed their full potential to contribute to their host and home countries,

6. <u>Acknowledging</u> that migrants perform a vital role in bolstering the labor market and contributing significantly to the economies of OSCE participating States,

7. <u>Considering</u> that remittances from migrants significantly exceed international development aid and contribute to the economic empowerment of many countries of origin and recognizing that migrant women remit more of their income for family needs such as food, clothing, housing, education, and health,

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8. <u>Encourages</u> Parliamentarians to engage in actions to commemorate the positive economic, civic, and social contributions to both countries of origin and destination by migrant communities, such as introducing legislation, speaking out against anti-migrant sentiments in their parliaments, working with migrant communities to develop policies which empower all, and protect vulnerable migrants such as women and children;

9. <u>Encourages</u> participating States to promote policies which harness the potential of migrant communities by improving their economic, educational, civic, and social integration, as well as improving their workforce development skills and providing them with citizenship classes, and recognizing the contributions migrants provide to host countries' economies;

10. <u>Urges</u> participating States to improve cooperation with appropriate regulatory agencies and international financial institutions toward optimizing remittance mechanisms and small business micro-loan programs particularly for women supporting the development of local financial institutions which improve the economic contributions of remittances to the positive development of countries of origin.

AMENDMENT TO SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM

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