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DRAFT RESOLUTION

**FOR THE GENERAL COMMITTEE ON
DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS
AND HUMANITARIAN QUESTIONS**

Helsinki +40: Towards Human Security For All

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1. Welcoming the OSCE's Helsinki +40 process as an opportunity to review the implementation of Human Dimension Commitments, including addressing the regress in whole regions of the OSCE with regard to basic freedoms, such as freedom of assembly, freedom of the media, expression, democratic commitments, rule of law and non-discrimination,
2. Recalling that the 1975 Helsinki Final Act addressed issues such as peaceful settlement of disputes, refraining from the threat or use of force, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the freedom of thought, conscience, religion or belief, as well as other key human security commitments,
3. Welcoming the use of the Vienna Document, as applied in Ukraine to ensure an operational response time by the Organization to human rights violations in a participating State,
4. Deeply concerned that the OSCE's field operations are continuously reduced in their capacity to monitor and report on human rights issues, in particular in participating States which demonstrate non-compliance with their human dimension commitments,
5. Welcoming the Swiss Chairmanship's pledge in connection with Helsinki +40 to continue reinforcing co-operation with civil society,
6. Recalling the 2013 OSCE PA Istanbul Declaration's call for the OSCE and the OSCE PA to create a civil society board, comprised of representatives of leading NGOs working on OSCE issues,
7. Recalling the Istanbul Declaration's affirmation that rule of law and independence of the judiciary should be respected,
8. Deploring discrimination and hate crimes against labour migrants both East and West of Vienna,
9. Expressing deep concern with regard to the rise of restrictive migration policies in many countries in the OSCE area,

The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly:

10. Endorses the adoption by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe of a resolution confirming the definition of political prisoners;
11. Calls on OSCE participating States to ensure, through national legislation or through legislative reform, if necessary, human dignity and security for all asylum seekers and labour migrants;

12. Reiterates its call for the safe and dignified return of all internally displaced persons to their places of living, ensuring access to international humanitarian aid when needed, with the goal of gradual rapprochement of the societies of Georgia and Abkhazia, Georgia, and South Ossetia, Georgia;
13. Strongly condemns any acts of hate crime against migrants of any kind, and calls on participating States to ensure that these crimes are fully investigated and victims protected, regardless of their legal status in the host country, both East and West of Vienna;
14. Encourages all participating States to follow Ukraine's example in multi-lateral co-operation in hosting the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission as an important tool to monitor and report on human rights in a participating State;
15. Reiterates its call on all the OSCE participating States to fully comply with their commitments regarding human rights, fundamental freedoms, democracy and the rule of law;
16. Emphasizes that the OSCE should reduce its reliance on the consensus rule, and further develop such human rights protection tools such as the Moscow Mechanism, and the recently re-applied Vienna Document to *inter alia* monitor gross human rights violations;
17. Strongly encourages participating States to benefit from the Helsinki +40 process to promote the Human Dimension values at the core of the Helsinki Final Act;
18. Strongly urges participating States to co-operate with international institutions like the OSCE, to help ensure that in the future there are no political prisoners in the OSCE area;
19. Encourages Parliamentarians to work toward adopting measures in their national parliaments to protect the rights of labor migrants, regardless of the migrants' legal status;
20. Calls on participating States to ensure access to justice for all those detained, and to ensure that people are not detained indefinitely, under arduous conditions and without adequate legal counsel, and to consider establishing a special rapporteur on cases of indefinite detention or lack of rule of law in the OSCE area;
21. Repeats its call for the Ministerial Council to adopt full, effective, and long-term mandates for OSCE field operations;
22. Strongly urges the Permanent Council to re-open the Field Missions in Belarus and Georgia, and to return the monitoring and reporting mandates to the status of the OSCE field operations in Azerbaijan and Ukraine, and to open an OSCE field mission in Mongolia.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT to the DRAFT RESOLUTION**

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