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Topic: Strengthening the Regional Response to the Migration Crisis in the Americas

The republic of Venezuela recognizes the difficulties of the current migration dynamics affecting the Americas and affirms its commitment to dialogue, cooperate and join solutions to address both the humanitarian impacts and the root causes of the crisis. Venezuela highlights that migration must be approached through a framework promoting and taking into consideration socioeconomic stability, national sovereignty and strengthening regional solidarity and empathy.

Venezuela worries that the current migratory crisis is caused by a combination of external factors, unilateral measures and regional instability. The government of Venezuela is making the country go through a humanitarian crisis, shorting the resources and the human rights of the civilians. The dictatorship and socialist government has weakened a national capacity to break patterns and reduce the percentage of migration since 2018 with the increasing economic and humanitarian crisis, making Venezuela's biggest reason for one of the biggest migratory flow rates in history after Syria. Studies indicate this migratory crisis will continue growing unless measures are taken.

Despite all the challenges, Venezuela continues to implement social protection programs. Venezuela is working to improve conditions at home so people can feel safe staying in the country or returning if they wish. The government has been expanding access to basic services, strengthening social support systems, and pushing forward economic recovery efforts to rebuild stability. Programs like *Plan Vuelta a la Patria* have already helped many Venezuelans come back voluntarily and reunite with their families in safe conditions. Venezuela is also open to working with the international community, as long as this cooperation respects the country's sovereignty and contributes to long-term economic stability.

This delegation is aware of all the challenges hosting countries face, and this is the reason why Venezuela urges for help. If the country causing the crisis stops the reason for these migratory movements it shall be the one fixed before more countries get affected. Most latin american countries have done amazing efforts to help this nation, but it hasn't been enough since the root of the problem has not been assisted. The delegation of Venezuela believes that it is important to address the root while assisting countries with hostage, helping these countries to have safe and sustainable areas for people migrating, as well as ensuring this migration is not affecting a countries stability in terms of socio economics or other sustainability factors.

Venezuela calls upon countries in the Americas to work on a practical, aside from politics, regional cooperation centered on shared responsibility, joint the results are stronger. This delegation supports working with international organizations to improve how migration is managed, make documentation easier, and protect Venezuelan families living abroad. It also calls for more support for the countries hosting the Venezuelan people, especially through tools that ensure their stability, so they can access affordable resources for health, education, and jobs that help both migrants and local communities. While this delegation has only talked about the migration crisis in Venezuela, which is very demanding, the delegation of Venezuela believes it is really important addressing the lack of response from UN countries towards the increasing racist actions made from the ICE organization towards latin american migrants, it is crucial to address the issue considering the significant and ongoing lack of respect for human rights.

Considering the rapidly increasing crisis, the delegation of Venezuela would like to suggest some solutions, taking into account the challenges the country is passing through right now. These solutions will be developed as the debate occurs.

- 1) Promoting the lifting of unilateral coercive measures, which limit national capacity to provide opportunities and stability.
- 2) Increasing regional development financing, particularly concessional funding, to strengthen resilience in host countries and support integration initiatives.
- 3) Establishing coordinated regional frameworks for safe, orderly, and regular migration, including mutual recognition of documentation and family protection measures.
- 4) Expanding economic cooperation to create jobs, stimulate markets, and reduce conditions that drive forced migration.
- 5) Supporting voluntary return programs that ensure dignity, safety, and reintegration for Venezuelans who wish to come back home.

Venezuela is going through a migration crisis, as well as various countries in Latin America, this only gives us as a committee another reason to act fast, to develop a framework and ensure the well being of all the civilians, by supporting the migrants, host countries and the civilians from the countries being affected at a socio economic level because of the increasing consequences from massive migration. It is also important to notice the long term benefits from migration, yet these benefits can only occur if migration is regulated.

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