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Topic A

The prohibition of “resettlement camps” for persons seeking asylum

Topic B

Cross border malpractice

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Letter From the Chair

Dear delegates,

I want to start off by welcoming each and everyone of you to the American School Foundation Model United Nations (ASFMUN) 2019 Conference. My name is Daniela Conde and it is an honor to be your chair for the General Assembly Committee. For me, MUN is a great way of meeting people from all around the world, where I can be myself and talk about critical issues from all around the world with people my age, who I know will soon become leaders of the world. I am a senior, in my last year of High School here in ASF. I am very passionate about politics and critical issues we are living day by day. I have been an active member of MUN: participating as both delegate and as a member of the dais team for over 5 years. The General Assembly is one of the six primary organs of the United Nations. It has representatives of every nation who are all allowed to vote and makes their voices heard. This year's committee will have representations from over 100 nations from all the world. You will be discussing two topics regarding migration and how human rights are abused when addressing people with refugee status. Topic A is on the prohibition of "resettlement camps" for people seeking asylum. Problems that involve refugees needing to leave a country and looking for a place that offers asylum is a major problem we are facing today. Governments in certain countries have implemented policies prohibiting resettlement camps and asylum for these people that are in need of protection. Topic B will be on cross border malpractice. You will need to discuss your delegations position on their border and what authorities do when people abuse borders. I'm sure this is going to be an excellent committee and I hope to see you all very soon at ASF MUN 2020!

Thank You,

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Mission Statement

“Member states are actually aware of the huge movements of people across borders. Migration is a natural feature of our humanity, presenting opportunities but also challenges and vulnerabilities that we are struggling to address”.

Topic A Introduction

There have always been problems with people in need of leaving their native country and the problem that arises when they don't have where to go. The United Nations defines migrations as, “a person who is moving or has moved across and international border or within a state away from his/her habitual place of residence, regardless of (1) persons legal status; (2) whether the movement is voluntary or involuntary; (3) what the causes for the movement are; or (4) what the length of the stay is”. The United Nations strongly believes that immigration or migration can be up to the discretion of an individual or mandatory to do so depending on the circumstance. A refugee is a person that is forced to leave their country because of various factors such as war and persecutions or because of specific needs that cannot be addressed in countries where they have sought protection. Mostly government officials take the measures to protect them and resettlement which is the “transfer of refugees from an asylum country to another State that has agreed to admit them and ultimately grant them permanent settlement”. It is the only viable solution to give a place to live to all the refugees that are seeking asylum. Every delegation will have different points of views due to the different policies countries have, but at the end we will come together with a solution to the problems we are trying to solve.

Topic B Introduction

There has recently been many scenarios in which borders and policies and laws are not enforced due to many social inequality issues. The UNHCR is in charge of the safeguard and protecting the rights and well being of refugees as well as leading international events for their protection. It has come to our attention that border officials and or people abuse the purpose and function of a border. Either authorities don't let them in when they have the required documents or people cross the borders when they don't have a legal permit to do so. Refugees seeking asylum sometimes have to do this illegally for them to be able to find a home. Every delegation will have different points of views due to the different policies countries have, but at the end we will come together with a solution to the problems we are trying to solve.

Key Terms Topic A

Prohibition: The action of forbidding something, especially by the law

Resettlement camps: The transfer of refugees from an asylum country to another State that has agreed to admit them and ultimately grant them permanent settlement

Seeking: Attempt to find

Asylum: A person who has left their home country as a political refugee and is seeking asylum in another.

Key Terms Topic B

Malpractice: Improper, illegal or negligent professional activity or treatment

Border: A line separating two geographical areas, especially countries

Major Parties Involved

Democratic Republic of the Congo

- Protracted economic and violent crises have affected the Democratic Republic of the Congo migration trends. It has also been a country of out migration since the early 1980s.

Myanmar

- The people of Myanmar have used for hundreds of years migration as a survival strategy, for safe refuge and for livelihood.

Syrian Arab Republic

- Syria is still one of the countries with a complex global crisis. People are in need of humanitarian assistance inside the country and over 5.7 million have been displaced and are seeking asylum.

United States of America

- Migrants in the United States have been treated differently and they are facing a period of repression due to drastic changes and policies that have been recently implemented.

México

- Sudden increase in the number of Mexican families and asylum seekers trying to cross mainly to the United States has raised fears of a new border crisis. Massive amounts of people trying to cross through Mexico coming from southern territories.

Expectations for Countries in Committee

Delegates will actively participate in a discussion with their peers in order to reach a viable solution to solve these global issues. Delegates will be required to use previous actions taken by both private and public sector groups from around the world as evidence to address this problem and to look for the best solution there possibly is. The main objective of the conference is for delegates to reach solutions that create peace and safe environments for all. This conference is about including different points of view and perspectives of countries to unite and come up with a resolution that is in a way best for all.

Delegates are expected to behave in an educated manner, following the rules of procedure of the United Nations and follow the orders of the Dias to make debate flow adequately. Deficient behavior from any delegate will be called upon by the Chair.

We expect delegates to use this conference as a learning opportunity in which everyone works together to reach a common goal.

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Past Resolutions

Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on December 21, 2016 on international migration and development

Topic A

1. Recognizes the positive contribution of migrants to inclusive growth and sustainable development and that international migration is a multidimensional reality of major relevance for the development of countries of origin, transit and destination, which requires coherent and comprehensive responses and balanced approaches, and also recognizes that international migration is a cross-cutting phenomenon that no one State can manage on its own and that calls for global approaches and global solutions, as well as the integration of sustainable development, with due regard for social, economic and environmental dimensions, and should be addressed in a balanced manner through a whole-of-government approach and with respect for human rights;

Topic B

2. Recognizes the need to give particular attention to addressing the multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination faced by migrants, and reaffirms the need to promote and protect effectively the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all migrants, regardless of their migration status, especially those of women and children, and to address international migration through international, regional or bilateral cooperation and dialogue and through a comprehensive and balanced approach, recognizing the roles and responsibilities of countries of

- origin, transit and destination in promoting and protecting the human rights of all migrants, and avoiding approaches that might aggravate their vulnerability;
3. Calls upon States to promote and protect effectively the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all migrants, regardless of their migration status, especially those of women and children, and to address international migration through international, regional or bilateral cooperation and dialogue and a comprehensive and balanced approach, recognizing the roles and responsibilities of countries of origin, transit and destination in promoting and protecting the human rights of all migrants and avoiding approaches that might aggravate their vulnerability;

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