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"The implementation of the Global Compact for Migration: PAM's role"

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The Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean,

- a) *Considering* that migration is an increasingly tangible reality, that most migrants move in a safe and orderly manner and that 85% of migratory movements are between countries of the same level of development;
- b) *Considering* that, according to the United Nations, more than 60,000 irregular migrants have died in the move since 2000;
- c) *Considering* that experience has shown that migrants make a positive contribution to the countries in which they live, as well as to their countries of origin;
- d) *Convinced* that, in a highly interdependent world, the challenges of human mobility should preferably be addressed by the international community as a whole in an effective manner;
- e) *Considering* that migrants often face increased vulnerability, violence and abuse throughout their migratory process;
- f) *Recalling* its resolution "The Mediterranean dimension of a Global Compact on Migration and a Global Compact on Refugees" adopted on 16 February 2018 in Bucharest;
- g) *Recalling* that the Global Compact on Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration establishes a non-legally binding cooperation framework and reaffirms the sovereign right of States to determine their national migration policy and their prerogative to govern migration within their jurisdiction, in conformity with international law;
- h) *Emphasizing* that the Global Compact recalls obligations to which the States have in any case already been constrained by international treaties and does not create new rights or "new human rights" for the benefit of migrants;
- i) *Emphasizing* that fundamental international human rights treaties recognise the rights of all human beings, including migrants, irrespective of their legal status, and oblige States to respect them;

- j) *Emphasizing* the crucial role of national parliaments in managing migration issues properly and with respect for human dignity, in the implementation of the Global Compact and in monitoring the commitments made by the executive;
 - k) *Inviting* the parliaments of the countries whose governments have postponed their decision to adopt the Global Compact in order to submit it to the vote of Parliament to discuss the text as soon as possible;
- I.** *Welcomes* the adoption of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration and *considers* it a good point of balance and progress towards a coordinated governance of a sustainable and comprehensive phenomenon;
 - II.** *Calls* on its parliaments to ensure the ratification and effective implementation of the various international human rights treaties, ILO conventions and other conventions on migration governance, the protection of migrants and their families and the fight against human trafficking;
 - III.** *Invites* its parliamentarians to tackle the causes of migration, by contributing to the achievement of sustainable development in the countries of origin, preventing conflicts, contrasting the impacts of climate change, supporting democratic and institutional processes and promoting social cohesion;
 - IV.** *Invites* its member Parliaments to draw up and implement a "concrete parliamentary action plan on migration" which operationalizes the recommendations of the PAM resolution "The Mediterranean dimension of a Global Compact on Migration and of a Global Compact on Refugees", the commitments made in the Global Compact as well as States' obligations under international human rights law, and to report to PAM;
 - V.** *Invites* its MPs, exercising oversight over the executive's action, to regularly monitor progress in implementing the commitments made by the countries which adopted the Global Compact, notably by establishing or strengthening independent mechanisms to monitor the impact of migrant laws, policies and practices on human rights;
 - VI.** *Calls* its MPs, as representatives of peoples, to fulfill a pedagogical role by introducing a new culture of migration and migrants, addressing xenophobic and racist rhetoric, and putting in place appropriate laws to suppress racism, intolerance and discrimination;
 - VII.** *Stresses* the need to ensure harmonization of national legislation in the implementation of the Global Compact and *encourages* its members to participate in and contribute to its next meeting on the monitoring and implementation of the commitments made by the signatory Member States in the framework of the Global Compact in the Euro-Mediterranean region.