



Security Council

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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Regarding The Central American Migrant Crisis

The Security Council,

Deeply concerned that an ongoing silent emergency regarding gang violence is rapidly spreading throughout Central America, directly affecting the lives of more than 4.2 million people, causing many to be displaced due to gang wars and conflict,

Disturbed that hundreds of thousands of people have fled the northern triangle – El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras over the past five years, resulting in the internal displacement of at least 714,000, and more than 161,000 people from these three countries applying for asylum to the US between 2011-2016,

Noting with deep concern that El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras consistently rank among the most violent countries in the world, with 43 of the 50 most homicidal urban centres on the planet located in Latin America and the Caribbean,

Taking into account that El Salvador became the world's most violent country not at war in 2015, when gang-related violence brought its homicide rate to 103 per hundred thousand,

Alarmed by the United States' announcement of a "zero tolerance" policy, referring all irregular border crossings along the U.S.-Mexico border for federal criminal prosecution, leading to approximately 2,000 children of Central American migrants being forcibly separated from their parents,

Recognizing that those of Mexican origin accounted for 26% of all U.S. immigrants in 2016, down from the peak of 30% in 2000,

Fully aware U.S. courts denied 88% of asylum applications from Mexicans between 2012 and 2017, as well 79% of those from El Salvador and 78 percent of those from Honduras, when in contrast only 20% of applications from China were denied asylum,

Noting that the U.S. has invested over 1.8 billion dollars between 2015-2018 towards addressing gang violence and Central American immigration to the US,

Emphasizing that the US has pledged \$5.8 billion in aid and investment for strengthening government and economic development in Central America as part of an effort to reduce illegal immigration rates to the US,

Recognizing that U.S. President Donald Trump threatened to cut off regional aid, and has threatened to build a wall at the southern border to prevent illegal immigration,

Strongly Emphasizing the severity of this issue and its potential implications in the future of the Americas,

1. *Urges* the U.S. to denounce the “zero tolerance” policy that prevents Central American refugees from entering the US to seek refugee from gang violence, and to immediately prioritize the reunion of separated asylum seeking families;
2. *Further Urges* the U.S. to direct increased resources toward the intake of asylum seekers from Central America, and to the processing and approval of asylum applications;
3. *Requests* that the U.S. continues to support Central American countries with financial aid;
4. *Re-Establishes* the Task Force on Transnational Organized Crime and Drug Trafficking with the purpose to coordinate UN responses to violence and unrest in Central America in partnership with Central American governments;
5. *Calls upon* Member States to contribute through donation to the UNHCR’s efforts to provide Central American refugees humanitarian support.

Submitter: Mexico

Secunder: United Kingdom

Negator: United States of America