R6 A Greens Policy focused on Climate Migration and Displacement

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Resolution text

We, Greens Parties and the Greens Movement resolve to address increasing climate change impacts as adverse drivers of climate migration and displacement, a major factor of vulnerability to all climate migrants; and we must support strengthened protections, improved supports and accessible assistance to people migrating in the context of climate change; and create new, flexible and rights-respecting regular pathways adequate to the magnitude of current and future climate change and environmental impacts; and such initiatives should respond to the acute and immediate crises and plan for long-term impacts of climate change; and as per the agreements contained in the 2018 Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM).

Reason

1. We the Greens, could support urgent investment in people and programs to mitigate risks and threats as drivers of unsafe and disorderly migration, and associated violations of human rights and resulting inequalities.

2. We the Greens, could support focus on the needs of most at-risk populations in climate adaptation planning and implementation and include the development of sustainable decent work options to promote greater resilience for communities, particularly from future shocks.

3. We the Greens, could endorse focused long-term planning and not just reactive short-term solutions to ensure that climate adaptation and resilience measures make migration a choice and not a necessity.

4. We the Greens, could support lobbying and implementation of financing for loss and damage in climate-impacted countries, where displaced communities are at risk of having to move across borders for their safety and wellbeing.

5. We the Greens, could endorse the establishment and strengthening of joint mechanisms to monitor and anticipate risks and threats that might trigger or affect migration movements, including supporting the strengthening of early warning systems, developing emergency procedures and toolkits, launching emergency operations, and supporting post-emergency recovery.

6. We the Greens, could endorse recording and accounting for migrants in national emergency preparedness and response, including taking into consideration relevant recommendations from States-led (but not States only) consultative processes, such as the Guidelines to Protect Migrants in Countries Experiencing Conflict or Natural Disaster (MICIC Guidelines).

7. We the Greens, could endorse the development of adequate investment in adaptation and resilience strategies to reduce risks of displacement and distress migration in the face of

sudden-onset disasters as well as slow-onset processes such as desertification, land degradation, drought and sea level rise.

8. We the Greens, could support the increased developments and/or strengthening of existing national and regional practices for transit, admission and stay of appropriate duration based on compassionate, humanitarian or other considerations for migrants compelled to leave their countries of origin due to sudden-onset climate and environmental disasters.

9. We the Greens, could endorse the further development of relevant policies that strengthen safe pathways for relocation, whilst recognising that adaptation in or return to countries of origin may not not possible with relocation and visa options, including humanitarian visas, private sponsorships and work permits, and inclusive access to education for children.

10. We the Greens, could lobby for strengthened solutions for and with migrants compelled to leave their countries of origin due to slow-onset disasters, such as desertification, land degradation, drought, and sea level rise, including by devising planned relocation strategies, in cases where adaptation in or return to country of origin is not possible. As governments take on the mandate of the 2018 Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) to enhance better regular migration pathways, these pathways should account for projected climate displacement. As the climate crisis worsens, governments cannot wait to develop a plan to integrate climate migrants into societies and economies.

11. We the Greens, could endorse strengthened international and regional cooperation to improve coherence between the GCM and other existing frameworks, in order to avert, minimize and address loss and damage associated with climate-related displacement and migration, and to ensure that people moving for climate-related reasons receive support, protection and assistance in fulfillment of their human rights. Such frameworks include the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), in particular the Taskforce on Displacement under the UNFCCC's Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage (WIM), which was established and recognized in the Paris Agreement Article 8, to reduce losses and damage from climate change.