

**Written proposals from the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to  
the United Nations as of 14 July 2016**

It should be noted that the proposals included below are specific to the revised draft outcome document as circulated on 13 July 2016, which was based on the ~~Brazil Plan of Action~~ ~~and the~~ ~~challenges~~ ~~posed~~ ~~by~~ ~~large~~ ~~movements~~ ~~of~~ ~~refugees~~ ~~and~~ ~~migrants~~. ~~DELETED~~



Organized Crime and the two relevant Protocols thereto, we encourage ratification of, accession to and implementation of relevant international instruments on preventing and combatting trafficking in persons and **[DELETE: the]** smuggling **[DELETE: of migrants]**.

**Para 2.13:** We will take steps to combat discrimination in our societies against refugees and migrants and to strengthen their inclusion in all spheres of life. National policies will be developed to this end in conjunction with civil society, **[ADD: including faith-based organizations,]** the private sector, employers' and workers' organizations and other stakeholders. We also note the obligation on refugees and migrants to observe the laws of their host countries.

**Para 3.3:** We will address the conditions that create, or exacerbate, large movements of migrants. We will analyse, and respond to, the factors which lead to, or contribute to, these movements. **[DELETE: We will respect and safeguard, in the first instance, the right of people to remain in safety in their homes.]** **[ADD: We will employ, in the first instance, every means to ensure that individuals and communities remain in their homelands and enjoy the fundamental right to live in peace and security.]** We will take measures, inter alia, to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, whose objectives include eradicating extreme poverty and inequality, promoting peaceful and inclusive societies, creating conditions for balanced economic growth and employment, combatting environmental degradation and ensuring effective responses to natural disasters and climate change. In the latter respect, we will support efforts by Member States at risk to mitigate, and adapt to, the effects of climate change.

**\*\*NB: We also suggest the possibility of moving this language to the section addressing commitments for both refugees and migrants rather than only migrants, since this right applies to all persons.**

**Para 3.14:** We will foster more opportunities for safe, orderly and regular migration, including employment creation, labour mobility at all skill levels, circular migration, family reunification and education-related opportunities. We will be sensitive to the needs of fragile states and countries and areas which are in

crisis. We will pay particular attention to issues such as the ethical recruitment of migrants, the [~~DELETE: reduction~~] [ADD; elimination] of recruitment and other migration-related costs, the facilitation and productive use of remittance flows, enhanced transfers of skills and knowledge and the creation of employment opportunities for young people.

**Para 4.1:** Recognizing that conflict and instability are among the factors which give rise to large refugee movements, we will work to prevent or resolve conflict. We will tackle the root causes of conflict situations. Early response to human rights violations and abuses is critical and we note in this respect the Secretary General's valuable "Human Rights Up Front" initiative. We will also promote [ADD: integral human development,] good governance and the rule of law at the international, regional and national levels. Recognizing that violations of international humanitarian law are a further contributory factor, we renew our commitment to uphold humanitarian principles and international humanitarian law. We confirm also our respect for the norms which safeguard civilians in conflict.

**Para 4.13:** We will pursue this target through measures such as the expansion of existing humanitarian admission programmes; possible temporary evacuation programmes (including evacuation for medical reasons); flexible arrangements to assist [ADD: and expedite] family reunification; private sponsorship for