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## RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE G20 ON MIGRATION AND REFUGEES

**The G20 Summit, which this year focuses on ‘Shaping an Interconnected World’, is an important opportunity for G20 countries – which together constitute almost two-thirds of the global population, more than 80 per cent of global GDP and three-quarters of worldwide trade - to affirm their collective commitment to ensuring that human rights are a fundamental part of the framework of interconnectivity that is developing and envisaged, thus setting an important example to the rest of the world.**

Amnesty International welcomes the focus on making progress on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda during the summit. Implementation of the Agenda should ensure universal respect for human rights and human dignity and recognize that in our increasingly interconnected world, economic policy and development must be developed and targeted in ways to reduce inequalities and ensure that no one is left behind whilst promoting effective accountability for all stakeholders. In this respect, we urge all members of the G20, to pay particular attention to Goals 5 (Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls), 10 (Reduce inequality within and among countries) and 16 (Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels).

### MIGRATION AND REFUGEES

The mass movements of people in recent years fleeing from conflict, poverty and environmental disasters, including those brought about by climate change, have challenged governments and societies across the world. While the 2016 commitment of G20 countries to increase “burden-sharing” in respect to the hosting of refugees and migrants appeared to be a positive step, there have been few signs of concrete and meaningful steps towards this aim despite the ongoing and pressing need. Alternative pathways are required, as a matter of urgency, for the more than 1 million vulnerable people whom UNHCR considers to be urgently in need of resettlement as refugees, such as private and community sponsorship combined with mobilization for their reception and integration. Steps proposed in the Bad Neuenahr Declaration of Labour and Employment Ministers<sup>1</sup> towards orderly, safe, regular and responsible migration and mobility of people (SDG 10.7) and to protect labour rights and promote safe and secure working environments for all workers, including migrant workers and in particular women migrants (SDG 8.8), are welcome, as are the G20 Policy Practices for the Fair and Effective Labour Market Integration of Regular Migrants and Recognized Refugees<sup>2</sup>, and should be implemented without delay.

**Amnesty International urges all member states of the G20 to:**

- **Ensure the final communiqué includes a commitment for G20 countries to increase responsibility sharing in the refugee response to equitable levels;**
- **Commit to accepting higher numbers of refugees for resettlement through UNHCR;**

<sup>1</sup> G20 Labour and Employment Ministers Meeting in Bad Neuenahr, 18 - 19 May 2017, Ministerial Declaration *Towards an Inclusive Future: Shaping the World of Work*, available at [http://www.bmas.de/SharedDocs/Downloads/DE/PDF-Pressemitteilungen/2017/g20-ministerial-declaration.pdf?\\_\\_blob=publicationFile&v=2](http://www.bmas.de/SharedDocs/Downloads/DE/PDF-Pressemitteilungen/2017/g20-ministerial-declaration.pdf?__blob=publicationFile&v=2)

<sup>2</sup> Annex C to the Bad Neuenahr Declaration, available at [http://www.bmas.de/SharedDocs/Downloads/DE/PDF-Pressemitteilungen/2017/g20-ministerial-declaration.pdf?\\_\\_blob=publicationFile&v=2](http://www.bmas.de/SharedDocs/Downloads/DE/PDF-Pressemitteilungen/2017/g20-ministerial-declaration.pdf?__blob=publicationFile&v=2)

- Explore policies for alternative safe and legal pathways, such as community sponsorship, for refugees to access G20 countries;
- Work with other G20 members to set up safe and orderly migration processes to facilitate the movement of displaced people, including climate change migrants, and ensure safe and secure working conditions for migrant workers.