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COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION OF THEMATIC ISSUES RELATING
TO THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

SITUATION OF MIGRANT WORKERS AND MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILIES

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draft resolution

2000/... World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination,
Xenophobia and Related Intolerance and migrant workers

The Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights,

Considering that according to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights all human beings are entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in that Declaration without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour or national origin,

Deeply concerned at the increase in acts of racism and violence against migrant workers in different regions of the world,

Aware that such racism and violence arise partly from a resurgence of national and neo-nazi extremism,

Noting with concern that international migrations are involving more and more women and that women suffer doubly from manifestations of racism and from various forms of exploitation that flagrantly violate their most basic rights,

Considering that the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance should pay special attention to the serious problems affecting all migrant workers and members of their families,

1. Requests the Preparatory Committee of the World Conference to include a separate item on migrant workers in the agenda of the World Conference;
2. Considers that the World Conference should:
Stress the need for States, especially the States of destination, to ratify the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families;
Draw the attention of States parties to the urgent need to implement the standards established by the United Nations and the International Labour Organization by strengthening their anti-discriminatory legislation or by enacting laws condemning discrimination, xenophobia and intolerance in all their forms;
3. Requests the World Conference to recommend to the General Assembly that it proclaim 18 December of each year an international day of solidarity with migrant workers and members of their families;
4. Further requests the World Conference to study and propose ways and means of putting an end to the racist campaigns encouraging violence against migrant workers through the Internet, sections of the media and political activities.
