

World People's Conference
"For a world without walls towards universal citizenship"

Throughout history, numerous peoples have been forced to migrate, fleeing from natural disasters like droughts, climatic changes and other human causes like crises, wars, military dictatorships, famines, campaigns of decolonization that plundered wealth and dominated entire civilizations which in some cases involved the extermination of entire peoples.

Migration is inherent of humankind, it has always existed, the human being is a migrant species. There are no people in the world who have not been impacted by a migratory process, this is the rule in the history of humanity and, on the contrary, the construction of borders is a recent phenomenon.

Migration is an important fact in the history of mankind Article 13 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights establishes that everyone has the right to freedom of movement and to choose one's own residence within the borders of each State and the right to leave any country, including its own and to return to his country.

Under this precept, agreed by the international community, there are no illegal persons because of their migratory status, all human beings are entitled of rights, regardless of where they are or reside.

As part of the increasing asymmetries and inequalities that characterize the current capitalism there is a significant growth on migration, particularly on labor migration from south to north.

The migratory phenomenon is a consequence of structural causes, amongst them:

- A) Neoliberal globalization produces a large number of poor people, who flee from their countries looking for work or better living conditions;
- B) The formidable concentration of wealth in the North Countries and its consequent expansion of the existing asymmetries between the North and the South;
- C) The increase of social inequalities,
- D) Economic, political, social and environmental crises;
- E) War and violence in origin countries just because the geopolitical interests of the great powers.

We consider migration not as a problem and we value migrants' contribution to social, cultural and economic development, both in their countries of origin and in the host country, and we consider policies that discriminate against migration are a shameful setback from the Rights conquered by peoples recognized by the international community.

We wish to express our deepest concern about restrictive policies, borders shutting down, building new walls and criminalization of migration, which are being developed by North wealthy countries against the migrants of the south. We are particularly concerned about the immigration policy of the United States that seeks to expel up to 3 million migrants and the European Union Return Directive.

The Homeland Security Protection and the fight against transnational crimes cannot be used as an excuse to violate migrant's fundamental rights and their families, reaching out unacceptable boundaries of discrimination and xenophobia.

We are also deeply shocked by the rising NATO's countries interventionism and militaristic policies that are triggering wars and humanitarian crises in countries such as Iraq, Libya, Syria, Afghanistan, Yemen, which daily expels thousands of refugees who flee from the death and perish in the sea in their attempt to save their lives and pursuing asylum, fleeing away from the siege of war and the violence produced in their countries.

We are also shocked by the announcement of the United States budget in defense soaring 9.7%, being already this country the largest military power and the largest exporter of weapons in the world, now is seeking to create new wars to win them in southern countries, and hence take over control of their natural wealth. This militaristic face is the other side of the anti-immigrant policies.

We are also concerned about the increasing effects of the climate crisis caused by the unlimited growth of the industrialized countries, which is provoking a new category of refugees, the climate refugees who wander around the world. That is why protecting Mother Earth and the nature which is all living being's common homeland, also is a way to protect the rights of migrants.

Given the above, we are convinced that it is time to take action, to prevent an upsurge of all these kinds of problems, therefore, we call for all the peoples of the world and the governments that represent them, to work for universal citizenship and the elimination of borders.

In the view of the foregoing, we call for a Peoples World's Conference to generate alternatives for:

The construction of the Universal Citizenship, we propose the following working groups:

1) Developing of the "Universal Citizenship"

Main goals will be:

- Analyze the structural and systemic reasons that cause human mobility from, one State to another.
- Analyze the migrant's contribution to the integral and inclusive development of peoples.
- Design joint strategies for the protection of the rights of migrants, refugees and their families.
- Build the Declaration of peoples on "universal citizenship".

2) Against the military interventionism of the imperialist powers against of the peoples that fight for their liberation

Main goals will be:

- Make proposals from the peoples to promote the enforcement of the right to the peace and to a culture of peace
- Build the Declaration of Peoples Against War and Imperialism Interventionism

On the basis of the above mentioned, the government of the Plurinational State of Bolivia and the National Coordinator of Change (CONALCAM) calls to the social movements and defenders of the rights of migrants, academics, lawyers and governments who want to work with their people:

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To be held in Tiquipaya, Cochabamba - Bolivia on June 20 and 21, 2017.

The participants

Up to 200 delegates from social movements in Bolivia

Up to 100 delegates of social movements from each of the South American countries.

Up to 30 delegates of social movements from each of the countries of Central America, North America, and the Caribbean.

Up to 10 delegates from social movements from each of the countries of Europe, Asia and Africa

- Personalities, Defenders of migrants, academics, lawyers and representatives of progressive governments

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