

## **Forum for 21st century** **on Visa Policy issues**

The **United States of America** would like to thank the Forum for 21<sup>st</sup> Century for initiating the discussion and organizing the conference on **Common Visa Policy**. We would like to express our full support towards finding possible solution to challenges standing in front of us in the global world. We hope we would reach a common understanding between all states present.

### **Notes:**

- Recalling the Draft of the Forum for 21<sup>st</sup> Century on Common Visa Policy, migration is a phenomenon that has existed for centuries, but the growing migration has become a problem for many developed countries over the last years. Therefore is important to have an effective immigration system. Political situations in the Middle East and northern Africa, the break-up of Sudan have resulted into new waves of migration. We cannot anticipate the stabilization in this region in the coming months.
- Noting for centuries in the USA we can observe political, economic and social immigration that has caused a lot of controversy regarding ethnicity, economic benefits or growth of crime. The USA are the target country of many inhabitants of Mexico, India, China.
- Recognizing the anticipation of the growth of migration due to climate changes mainly from developing countries, it is important for participating states to come to a common agreement how to approach this problem.
- Underlining that migration might be a solution of a problem with aging population and growing social expenditure that affects most of the developed countries.
- Therefore the USA subscribe themselves to the endeavor of the Forum for 21<sup>st</sup> Century to discuss proper measures to reach a mutual understanding.

Position of the **United States of America** to the proposals in the first draft of the negotiation paper regarding the Common Visa Policy issues for purpose of the conference:

- The USA agree with the necessity of the negotiations on above mentioned issues. We do not consider the agreement on the Common Visa Policy as a solution. Our primary target should be finding a mutual understanding and a mutual approach towards growing number of immigrants, no matter if political, economic or social. This mutual approach should be a prevention from the future potential conflicts that could bring these waves of immigrants.
- We emphasize the potential effects of climate changes that are becoming more and more significant. We expect that the number of immigrants due to climate changes will rise in the future. We need to reform our immigration system so that we would be prepared for this kind immigration. We would like to cooperate with the participating members of the Forum on this issue in the future in the Council which will be create.
- On the other hand we would like point out, that this expected waves of migrants can highly influenced our economic status. We would like to keep preventing our economy from illegal migrants. We are open- minded to participate according to first draft issued by Forum, but still needed to keep settled conditions. Underwriting of final agreement hang from the circumstances whose are expected from our site.