

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

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- ³⁵₁₇ USA political section fully supported proposal to establish SVP body towards third parties that shall be legally binding on all the parties involved. We also understand the necessity of higher involvement of countries that don't have serious problems with migration like a prevention from the creation of potential conflicts in the future.
- ³⁵₁₇ The functional mechanism of SVP has been created on the equal base between all involved members. The Forum proposal, to set an amount of the contributions as a percentage of the country's GDP taking the level of economic development into account, also corresponds with USA delegation expectations. Other factors included in the decision making process of SVP (less developed countries would contribute less, to take the ratio of immigrants to the country's population into account), USA considers also as an important factor which influenced further results of SVP.
- ³⁵₁₇ The Visa Council establishment also plays an important role in decision making process responsible for a proper implementation of the SVP. An idea to give a responsibility into hands of three experts from each involved parties we consider as a suitable solution. We would like to mention our expectations how experts should meet a special criteria of

negotiations in following drafts. This small apparatus ensures the promptness of the decision process and an odd number of experts avoid the equality of votes.

³⁵₁₇ The USA also believes that it is necessary to create a global information system which shall be available to all the member states and which shall serve for the monitoring of migration waves and thus for the identification of problem areas. This system shall be managed by a newly created body whose composition shall be a subject to the negotiations.

³⁵₁₇ Human trafficking is an important issue which should be regulated through the SVP. The USA agrees that the participating states should deepen the cooperation in this difficult issue. The participating states should deepen the cooperation within the United Nation Office on Drugs and Crime, the institution covering fight against organized crime. For these purposes should be signed a document that will be a legal basis for this cooperation.

³⁵₁₇ We consider the mentioned proposal for the implementation of time schedule of the obligations agreed on, as a proper tool to secure compliance with measures stated in the agreement signed by participating states at the end of the Conference.

³⁵₁₇ We agree that we should pay a special attention to the climate migrants, because the climate changes are becoming more and more significant. We expect that the number of immigrants due to climate changes will rise in the future. We would like to cooperate with the participating members on this issue. We need to reform our immigration system so that we would be prepared for this kind of migration. We have to insist on determining of quotas of climate migrants which would be compulsory for each member state to accept due to economic consequences that might occur. We propose to cooperate with The UN Refugee Agency on the studies providing information on the most endangered areas and the number of endangered climate migrants.

³⁵₁₇ We agree on the establishing a special fund in order to cover expenses caused by the climate migration. The fund should comprise contributions from the SVP budget. The

contribution should be determine as a fixed amount agreed by the participating states annually renegotiated and raised according to development of the climate migration.

- ³⁵₁₇ The USA believes that the negotiation will result in a framework agreement signed by all the members of the Forum for 21st Century.