**COMMITTEE:** Legal

**QUESTION OF:** The Rights of Political Refugees

**MAIN SUBMITTER:** Qatar

**CO-SUBMITTERS:** Syria, Indonesia

***Recalling*** the efforts of the 1951 United Nations Refugee Convention and the basic rights to which political refugees are entitled including, but not limited to the rights to gainful employment, travel documents, and prohibition of expulsion to a state where the freedom or safety of the refugees may be threatened,

***Fully aware*** of the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights, as well as the 1967 Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees, and the 1969 Convention Governing the Specific Aspects of Refugee Problems in Africa,

***Acknowledging*** that according to data provided by the UNHCR, the current estimate of refugees worldwide is at 45 million, and that this estimate includes 15.4 million cross-border refugees, and 28.8 million IDPs, and that almost half of the said refugees are children below the age of eighteen.

***Noting with regret*** that in some states refugees are mandatorily detained, not only risking a negative impact on their physical and mental health but contradicting Article 31 of the Refugee Convention which legally prevents refugees from being persecuted or detained,

1. **Urges** states to improve working conditions for political refugees through ways including but not limited to:

a.) Ensuring refugees are given accurate job descriptions by employers regarding matters including but not limited to wages, working hours, and benefits,

1. Setting a wage limit the refugees are allowed to earn while their papers are being processed determined by:
	* 1. The number of children (below the legal working age of the state in which they are seeking asylum) they must support;
2. **Notes** that in 2013, 46% of refugees were under the age of 18, and suggests that stronger measures are taken for their protection and welfare including but not limited to:
	1. If the child has not been separated from his or her parents or guardian, provision of temporary shelter while travel documents are being processed,
	2. Provision of psychological therapy where needed,
	3. Ensuring that children, if they have been separated from their parents or any guardian and as a result have no definite caretaker,
		1. Have access to family tracing and reunification services where possible,
		2. Are provided and cared for by the state where possible, including but not limited to matters such as a caretaker, food, and shelter, until they can be reunited with their parents under circumstances where they are no longer threatened with the same persecution that caused them to become refugees in the first place;
3. **Encourages** the support of emergency relief centers supported by international NGO’s, including but not limited to IRC and International Medical Corps as well as the efforts UNHCR in:
	1. Member states with a high influx of refugees from surrounding or bordering states,
	2. Near borders of states with high levels of civil unrest;
4. **Urges** member states to assist refugees by:
	1. Allowing refugees to return and reenter their country of origin when they feel they are out of danger of persecution and violence through methods including but not limited to:
		1. Providing transportation to the borders or to any designated establishment within the borders of the refugee’s country of origin,
		2. Allowing refugees to follow their basic rights to repatriation under their country of origin’s law,
	2. Allowing refugees to integrate locally in the country they have fled to by:
		1. Offering assistance in matters including but not limited to: locating and renting or purchasing housing, finding gainful employment, and work visas and other documents necessary to reintegrate,
	3. Allowing refugees to relocate to a third country if necessary due to mass influx of population, and offers assistance to those refugees, who require it, to relocate;
5. **Expresses its hope** that the measures expressed in this resolution as well as the preexisting laws in member states will be followed to provide a more sufficient solution to the issue at hand of the rights of political refugees.