

RESOLUTION No. 1243 (CI)

(Adopted by the Council at its 523rd meeting on 27 November 2012)

IOM MIGRATION CRISIS OPERATIONAL FRAMEWORK

The Council,

Considering IOM's Constitution and in particular Articles 1.1(a) and (b) regarding IOM's purpose and function to make arrangements for the organized transfer of migrants and to concern itself with the organized transfer of refugees, displaced persons and other individuals in need of international migration services,

Recalling the United Nations General Assembly resolutions on "Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian emergency assistance of the United Nations" (A/RES/46/182 and A/RES/60/124),

Reaffirming the principles of neutrality, humanity, impartiality and independence in the provision of humanitarian assistance, and reaffirming the need for all actors engaged in the provision of humanitarian assistance to promote and fully respect these principles,

Confirming the sovereignty and territorial integrity of States and that humanitarian assistance should be provided with the consent of States involved,

Reaffirming that States bear the primary responsibility to protect and assist crisis-affected persons residing on their territory in accordance with national law and in conformity with international humanitarian and human rights law,

Considering also the IOM Strategy (Council Resolution No. 1150) and in particular Activity 1 "to provide secure, reliable, flexible and cost-effective services for persons who require international migration assistance", and Activity 9 "to participate in coordinated humanitarian responses in the context of inter-agency arrangements in this field and to provide migration services in other emergency or post-crisis situations as appropriate and as relates to the needs of individuals, thereby contributing to their protection",

Recalling IOM policy on the human rights of migrants (MC/INF/259), "The human rights of migrants – IOM policy and activities" (MC/INF/298), and "Protection of persons involved in migration: Note on IOM's role" (IC/2007/3),

Recalling also the consideration by the Standing Committee on Programmes and Finance of IOM's emergency response capacity (SCPF/29), IOM's assistance to stranded migrants (SCPF/45/Rev.1), IOM's role in the humanitarian response to displacement induced by natural disasters (SCPF/71), the institutional and operational responses to migration consequences of complex crises (SCPF/80/Rev.1), and its role in assisting and protecting migrants caught in crisis situations (SCPF/87),

Recalling further the establishment of a Migration Emergency Funding Mechanism (Council Resolution No. 1229) in order to enable IOM to respond rapidly in assisting affected migrants during the acute emergency phase of a humanitarian crises,

Recalling also that the theme “Managing migration crisis situations” was selected by IOM’s Member States for the International Dialogue on Migration 2012 (IDM) and the discussions and conclusions of the IDM’s workshops with sub-themes “Moving to safety: Migration consequences of complex crises” (24 and 25 April 2012), “Protecting migrants during times of crisis: Immediate responses and sustainable strategies” (13 and 14 September 2012) and “Migrants in Times of Crisis: an Emerging Protection Challenge” (9 October 2012),

Aware of the 2005 United Nations Humanitarian Response Review,

Aware further of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee Principals Reform Agenda 2011-2012,

Recognizing that, in a world shaped by migration, the human mobility dimension of humanitarian crises is becoming increasingly relevant and requires more comprehensive solutions,

Recognizing also that the concept of “migration crisis” serves to capture the complex human mobility consequences of crises,

Mindful of the vulnerability of international migrants in times of crisis, and the need to respond rapidly with immediate life-saving assistance and evacuation,

Mindful also of the need to consider human mobility in crisis preparedness and to address the medium- to long-term consequences of migration crises for individuals and States,

Recognizing IOM’s role and experience as a humanitarian actor and its comparative advantage in addressing the migration dimensions of crises based on its migration management mandate and expertise,

Reaffirming the importance of IOM’s partnerships with other humanitarian actors and the continued complementarity of IOM’s activities to their mandates, IOM’s on-going commitment and support to existing legal and institutional frameworks; IOM’s role and responsibility within the Inter-Agency Standing Committee as the cluster lead for Camp Coordination and Camp Management in natural disasters, and the complementarity of IOM’s migration management expertise and established humanitarian mechanisms,

Hereby:

1. Thanks the Director General for this initiative;
2. Welcomes IOM’s Migration Crisis Operational Framework;
3. Requests the Director General to apply the Migration Crisis Operational Framework in implementing IOM’s activities on the basis of the existing funding mechanisms of IOM in cooperation with its partners;

4. Further requests the Director General to report to the IOM Council on a regular basis on the application of the Migration Crisis Operational Framework;
5. Encourages Member States to utilize the Migration Crisis Operational Framework to enhance their own preparedness and response capacity to migration crises, with support from IOM.