

Final Declaration:

DECLARATION OF BOGOTA

The Participants to the Second International Forum on Migration and Peace, held in Bogota, Colombia, from 1 to September 3, 2010:

the Scalabrini International Migration Network,
the inspiration and organization behind the Forum,

with the Scalabrinian Congregation, and
the General Secretariat of the Mayor Office of Bogotá DC, partner in the organization of the
Second Forum in Colombia,

together with the participants in this Second Forum:

Nobel Peace Prize Laureates, foundations, civil society institutions working in human
mobility, NGOs,

as well as representatives from governments, the United Nations and international
organizations,

the academia, and migrants, refugees, displaced and deported people,

MEETING

In the context of the bicentennial of the independence of the Americas in a hemisphere still marked by deep injustice, inequality and poverty and, at the same time, renewed by that hope whose reasons are continuously being constructed by our people day after day;

In continuing the process begun at the First Forum held in Antigua, Guatemala, under the title "Frontiers, Walls or Bridges?", in the investigation of "new perspectives on citizenship and democracy" in this second Forum in Bogotá; In a conjunction between migration and violence that considers the migrant as an object and a target of injustice, corruption, trafficking and smuggling trade, and searching for a vision of the migrant with human dignity, thus making him/her the subject and builder of peace and dialogue across borders, so that these, instead of walls, become bridges and common meeting places;

In the shadow of the dramatic events of San Fernando, Mexico, where 72 Latin American migrants died violently, a tragedy that provides a face and a name to all the cemeteries, invisible and without crosses, of yesterday and today; a migration that continues to write its journey of hope in rows of open wounds and blood.

The Forum has confronted thus, once again, the reality of violence and the need to pause to unravel any connection with corruption and disregard for the lives of undocumented or any other minority group.

With the determination to include migration in the building process of a peaceful coexistence as an agent, together with local communities, in the peace talks and in a framework of listening and searching for the common good, we found the promise of

THE BLOSSOMING ON NEW REALITIES:

Multiculturalism and diversity must be approached as driving forces for innovation, fresh sources for a renovation of society and cultural heritage, expanding the horizon of the countries, encouraging them to avoid the entrenchment in a past that is dying and to make multiculturalism, which is an element of today's world, change into interculturalism as a moral

imperative for our nations.

The wall that divides the migrant from the non-migrant will crack, going from an "I" to a "we" who speaks to and identifies with the different, the other, the invisible or rejected migrant and stranger. From an "I" of the individuality, to the "we" of the diverse and intercultural community that builds together.

The Forum is aware that the migrant, before being a citizen, is a person, a human being, and therefore, a living part of the social, cultural, economic and political fabric of our societies. An unilateral interpretation of the term "migrant" runs the risk of extrapolating and stripping it of its humanity.

"Migrant" is simply an adjective that you apply to a person, the same one that tomorrow may be called sick, elderly, citizen, or neighbor, since the substantive reality of this "migrant" is his humanity. Citizenship should be more than the possession of a passport or of the right to vote. Even if a human being is invisible due to lack of a document in his hand, that person exists and is the root of society, in order, in its integration with democracy, to move towards a universal citizenship.

The amount of military spending in Latin America, and the increase that has occurred during 2009, reaching \$57,400 million US, (sipri.org), seems to confirm the thesis that the region has entered a new arms race, clearly inappropriate and irrational, that will divert even more of the financial resources needed for the development of the social, economic and cultural life of its peoples. It is not with weapons that poverty and disease can be overcome and even less can they diminish the causes of migration and of this forced exodus of so many that continues to keep open the veins of our countries.

It is hoped that the United Nations, the "international forum" that wants to act in accordance with the signed and ratified declarations and treaties, might promote the effective protection of the right of every person to remain, leave and return to his/her country. This prompts us to plan for the possibility of creating conventional networks for a migration that is regular, orderly, protected and respected, and regulation of migration that is honest and based on shared values.

We hope that this new attitude may influence a decline of the growing trend towards the criminalization of migration. The identification a priori of the migrant with the terrorist or the criminal is a gratuitous discrimination offense.

In this line, the Forum is aware of the inadequacy of policies based solely on national security.

There is a sad, increased industrialization of migration in its most negative sense: people who suffer trafficking or smuggling, the bureaucratic obstacles that force the use of intermediaries and the potential for subsequent exploitation, the risk of transforming the remittances, the fruit of the daily sweat of the migrants, into speculation and undue profits.

We emphasize the need to protect specific segments of the population who suffer from a greater and ever-increasing vulnerability: women, children, young girls, the person with his/her ethnic or indigenous characterization, who are, probably more than anyone else, objects of discrimination, slavery, exploitation and blackmail.

The Forum reaffirm the responsibilities of the countries of origin of migrants, that have the duty to ensure the right conditions for the development of each person staying at home, as

well as a socio-economic reintegration in the context of ensuring a decent returns and settlement at home.

The Forum is aware of the strategic importance of the local communities as key factors in the definition of public policies and concrete actions that foster the establishment of a peaceful coexistence between local communities and migrants.

Having underlined these new aspects of migration, the Scalabrini International Migration Network, through the process that organizes and promotes the International Forum on Migration and Peace in building a peaceful coexistence,

ASSUMES THE COMMITMENT and encourages all participants of this Second Forum, to:

- Encourage the international community to continue its discussion at the United Nations Organization on February 2011 for the adoption of an arms trade treaty to regulate all aspects of conventional arms trade, in full accordance with the instruments agreed and implemented under the Human Rights and Humanitarian International Law.
- Continue the work of international denunciation of unconstitutional and restrictive laws that criminalize a priori the person on the move.
- Promote concrete actions working together with local authorities in the fight to eradicate all forms of violence against migrants.
- Encourage local communities to create spaces that allow the right to remain in their home country as much as the right to a dignified return that guarantees settlement.
- Encourage the training processes of the social partners and local public officials that have a growing effect on the regional, national and international institutions that work in the world of the people on the move.

**SECOND INTERNATIONAL FORUM
ON MIGRATION AND PEACE**

**Migration, Peaceful Coexistence and Independence:
Toward New Perspectives of Citizenship and Democracy**

September 1-3, 2010

Bogota – Colombia

Program:

September 1, 2010

From	To	Agenda	Moderator
8:00	9:00	Accreditation and Welcoming	
9:00	10:30	<p>Opening of the Forum</p> <p>1. Dr. Angelino Garzón, Vice President of Colombia</p> <p>2. Most Rev. Aldo Cavalli, Permanent Representative of the Holy See in Colombia</p> <p>3. Dr. Samuel Moreno Rojas, Mayor of Bogota</p> <p>4. Mr. Diego Beltrand, Regional Advisor for the Americas, International Organization for Migration (IOM)</p> <p>5. Rev. Matthew Didone, Provincial Superior of the Missionaries of Saint Charles, Scalabrinians, and Director of Scalabrini International Migration Network, New York</p> <p>6. Prof. Juan Esteban Belderrain, Manager for Latin America Programs of the Porticus Stichtung</p> <p>7. Dr. Gherard Wahlers, Executive Director of the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung</p>	Rev. Leonir Chiarello , Executive Director, Scalabrini International Migration Network
10:30	11:00	Coffe break	
11:00	13:30	<p>Panel – The Bicentennial of Independence of the Ibero-American Republics: The Role of Migration and Democracy in the Promotion of a Peaceful Coexistence</p> <p><i>Participants:</i></p> <p>1. Mr. Francisco Ossuna, Director of the Commission of the Bicentennial of Bogota</p> <p>2. Amb. Fernando Schmidt Ariztía, Under Secretary of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile</p> <p>3. Dr. José Miguel Insulza, Secretary General, Organization of American States</p>	Dr. Luis Alberto Cordero Arias , Executive Director, Arias Foundation, Costa Rica
13:30	15:00	Lunch	
15:00	17:00	<p>Panel – Democracy, Development and Migration: The Role of the Economy in the Creation of Inclusive Democracies and</p>	Dr. Joseph Chamie , Director of Research of the Center for Migration Studies (CMS) of New York

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		<p>Sustainable Development <i>Participants:</i> 1. Dr. Stephen Castles, Director Sociological Investigation, Sydney University, Australia, and Associate Director of the International Migration Institute Oxford University, U.K. 2. Dr. Bela Hovy, Chief of the Migration Section, Population Division, United Nations, New York 3. Dr. Alvaro Calderón, Director of “Colombia nos Une”, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Colombia 4. Dr. Raúl Delgado Wise, President of International Network on Migration and Development and Director of the Doctorate Program of Economics of Zacatecas University, México</p>	
17:00	17:15	Coffee break	
17:15	19:00	<p>Lecture – Economic and Social Challenges in a Globalized World and Their Impact on International Migration 1. Dr. Stephen Castles, Director Sociological Investigation, Sydney University, Australia, and Associate Director of the International Migration Institute Oxford University, U.K.</p>	

September 2, 2010

From	To	Agenda	Moderator
8:30	11:00	<p>Panel – International Activities Coping with Violence and International Migration: Migration as a Consequence and a Cause of Conflicts in the Recent History of the Democracies <i>Participants:</i> 1. Mr. Juan Carlos Murillo, Senior Legal Officer, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Costa Rica 2. Ms. Miriam de Figueroa, Representative of Colombia, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) 3. Mr. Christophe Beney, Chief of the Colombia Delegation, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) 4. Dr. Marcelo Pisani, Chief of Mission in Colombia, International Organization for Migration (IOM) 5. Dr. Pierre Martinot-Lagarde, Special Adviser for Socio-Religious Affairs, Office of External Relations, International Labor Organization (ILO), Geneva</p>	<p>Ms. María Isabel Sanza Gutiérrez, Legal Advisor, Scalabrini International Migration Network</p>

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		6. Most Rev. Agostino Marchetto, Secretary of the Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant People	
11:00	11:30	Coffe break	
11:30	13:30	<p>Panel – New Politico Legal Perspectives of Citizenship in the Context of Migration and International Peaceful Coexistence</p> <p><i>Participants:</i></p> <p>8. Dr. Angelino Garzón, Vice President of Colombia</p> <p>9. Amb. Johnny Young, Executive Director of Migration and Refugee Services (MRS), Washington, DC</p> <p>10. Dr. Thomas Uthup, Research and Education Manager, United Nations Alliance of Civilizations</p> <p>11. Dr. Lelio Mármora, Director of International Migration Policies Master Program, University of Buenos Aires</p>	<p>Mr. Olaf Jacob, Director of Regional Program for Latin America on Social Policies (SOPLA), Konrad Adenauer Stiftung</p>
13:30	15:00	Lunch	
15:00	17:00	<p>Panel – Diversity among Nations and Migration: Toward New Perspectives of Leadership, Democracy and Citizenship</p> <p><i>Participants:</i></p> <p>1. Dr. Barry Mirkin, Former Chief of the Population Policy Section, United Nations Population Division</p> <p>2. Mr. William Ospina, Director of the Commission for the Commemoration of the Bicentennial of Independence of Alcaldía Mayor de Bogotá</p> <p>3. Mr. Alfonso Hinojosa Gordonava, Director General of Consular Regime, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bolivia</p> <p>4. Mr. Chris Lowney, Former Manager Director of J.P. Morgan & Co., New</p>	<p>Mr. Einardo Bingemer, Latin American Consultant for the Kolping Organization</p>
17:00	17:15	Coffe break	
17:15	19:00	<p>Panel - Smuggling of Persons and Trafficking of Migrants: Trends and Challenges</p> <p><i>Participants:</i></p> <p>1. Dr. Adriana Ruiz-Restrepo, Expert on Trafficking of Migrants, Colombia</p> <p>2. Dr. Helga Konrad, Former Minister of Austria and Expert on Traffic of Migrants</p> <p>3. Rev. Flor Maria Rigoni, Director of the Casa del Migrante, Tapachula, Mexico</p> <p>4. Dr. Jonathan Martens, Expert on Trafficking of Migrants, International Organization for Migration (IOM)</p> <p>5. Dr. Oscar Jiménez, Executive Director of Fundación Esperanza, Colombia</p>	<p>Ms. Angela Garzón, Deputy Director of International Affairs, Alcaldía Mayor de Bogotá</p>

September 3, 2010

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9:00	11:00	<p>Panel – Policies and Programs of Local Governments in the Promotion of Peaceful Coexistence <i>Participants:</i> Dr. Alvaro Calderón, Director of “Colombia nos Une”, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Colombia Mr. Ron Serpico, Mayor of Melrose Park, Illinois Mayors of Latin America</p>	
11:00	11:30	<p>Coffe break</p>	
11:30	13:30	<p>Workshops – Strategic Actors in the Promotion of Peaceful Coexistence in the Framework of International Migrations <i>Afro-American:</i> Rev. Emigdio Cuestas, Director of Afro-Colombian Pastoral Care Rev. Víctor Torres, Director of Afro-Peruvian Commission of Pastoral Care Rev. Lubin Josnel, Montfortian Priest, Haïti <i>Indigenous:</i> Rev. Carlos Rodríguez, Director of Pastoral Care of Indigenous in Colombia Ms. Esperanza Hernández, Indigenous People, Colombia Rev. Sister Ernestina López Bac, Secretary of Indigenous People Pastoral Care, Conference of the Catholic Bishops of Guatemala Rev. Sister Ana María Palomino, Coordinator of Indigenous People Pastoral Care of Apurimac, Perú <i>Gender:</i> Ms. Gabriela Rodríguez, Former United Nations' Special Rapporteur on Migrants' Rights Ms. Margarita Bueso, Director of UNIFEM, Colombia Rev. Sister Emilse Gutierrez Gutiérrez, Peru Director of Welcoming Center Bethany, Callao, Peru Ms. Marisol Suarez, Student of Conflict Transformation, Universidad Jaume II, Spain <i>Education and Art and Communication:</i> Ms. Silvia Villa, Executive Director of Illinois Welcoming Centers Ms. Leni Chiarello Ziliotto, Founder and Director of Brancca Maria School, Brazil Rev. Daniel Saldarriaga, Executive Director of Banco de Alimentos de la Arquidiócesis de Bogotá Rev. Francesco Bortignon, Director of the Migration Center of Cucuta and the Scalabrini Corporation of Colombia Mr. Luis Argueta, Movie Director, Guatemala <i>Best Practices:</i> Rev. Leonel Narvaes, Executive Director of Fundación para la Reconciliación, Colombia Rev. Dario Echeverry, Director of National Commission of Conciliation, Colombia Amb. Johnny Young, Executive Director of Migration and Refugee Services (MRS), Washington, DC Dr. Marcela Peticara, Profesor of Economy, University Alberto Hurtado, Chile Sr. Martha Inés Díaz, Director of the Centro de Atención al Migrante (CAMIG), Bogotá</p>	
13:30	15:00	<p>Lunch</p>	
15:00	16:15	<p>Public Presentation of New Migration Policy of the Mayor of Bogota Dr. Mariana Villamizar Villegas, Director of</p>	

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		International Relations of the District of Bogota	
16:15	17:00	Public Presentation of Scalabrini Corporation of Colombia Rev. Maurizio Pontin, Director of the Scalabrini Migration Center in Bogota	
17:00	17:15	Coffe break	
17:15	18:00	Presentation of Bogota Declaration and Closing of the Forum 1. Dr. Yury Chillán Reyes, General Secretary of International Relations of the District of Bogota 2. Prof. Juan Esteban Belderrain, Manager for Latin America Programs, Porticus Stichtung 3. Mr. Olaf Jacob, Regional Program for Latin America on Social Policies (SOPLA), Konrad Adenauer Stiftung	Rev. Leonir Chiarello , Executive Director, Scalabrini International Migration Network