

THE 2014-2018 SPECIAL MIGRATION PROGRAM IS PUBLISHED

On April 30th 2014 the decree approving the 2014-2018 Special Migration Program was published. This Program will contribute towards the consolidation of an immigration policy based on the promotion of human rights, sustainable development, gender perspective, interculturalism, and human security.

The Program recognizes that respect for migrants' human rights, regardless of their migratory status, continues to be a challenge both abroad and in Mexico. In this sense, it seeks to integrate and coordinate the work of our institutions regarding migration through the following objectives:

- 1) Promotion of a culture of legality, human rights and respect for migration.
- 2) Incorporation of migration issues in the regional and local development strategies.
- 3) Consolidation of effective migration management, based on facilitation, co-responsibility, border security and human safety.
- 4) Development of integration and reintegration processes for migrants and their families.
- 5) Strengthening access to judicial remedies and to personal safety for migrants, their families, and those who work in defending their rights.

The Program seeks to articulate public policies that facilitate the integration of migrants through better access to health services, employment benefits and legal safety. One of the proposals enshrined in the Program is to increase the number of foreigners who reside in Mexico, taking full advantage of their possible contributions to our economic, social and cultural development without compromising national security or affecting the national employment market.

The Program recognizes that the migration phenomenon requires cooperation between States and institutions, thus establishing that new migration policies must ensure the wellbeing of migrants in order to consolidate their role as agents for development.

The Program also promotes an effective migration management that contributes to mobility, respects human rights and is in line with our country's commitment towards migrants. This task requires the co-responsibility of all relevant actors, including civil society, the private sector, academia, and the three levels of government. In order to clarify the distribution of responsibilities for the accomplishment of these objectives, the Program includes an annex.

This Program is the result of several consultations with government institutions and civil society, recognizing that the latter lends key support to the migrant population and helps strengthen the government entities that implement migration policy.

The Program intends to guarantee the respect for the rights of migrants in its territory, in a manner coherent to the respect it demands from States towards the rights of Mexicans abroad, particularly in the areas of admission, permanence, personal safety, transit, deportation and assisted return. This will ensure the consistency of our position in regional and multilateral fora, as well as in bilateral negotiations for the protection of Mexicans abroad, regardless of their migratory status.

The Special Migration Program represents an opportunity to implement the guidelines of our migration policy as established in the National Development Plan. Its publication is a further action taken by the government of President Enrique Peña Nieto to ensure equality between nationals and foreigners, particularly regarding the full respect of their human rights at federal, state and municipal level.

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