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CGFNS International, Inc. (CGFNS), an NGO in special consultative status to the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) since 2015, would like to contribute to the ongoing dialogue about efforts to advance migrant protection. This statement is to contribute to and support resolution A/RES/74/148 on the protection of migrants, which was adopted by the General Assembly on 18 December 2019, and the impacts of this effort.

Actions taken to advance the protection of migrants in vulnerable situations

- We encourage the continued adherence to the UN Global Compact for Safe, Orderly, and Regular Migration specifically Objective 18: Invest in skills development and facilitate mutual recognition of skills, qualifications and competences.
 - CGFNS encourages the commitment to invest in innovative solutions that:
 - facilitate mutual recognition of skills, qualifications and competences of migrant workers at all skills levels;
 - promote demand-driven skills development to optimize the employability of migrants in formal labor markets in countries of destination and in countries of origin upon return;
 - ensure decent work in labor migration.
 - In this vein, CGFNS is developing a mechanism to restore the academic and professional credentials of refugee healthcare workers in vulnerable situations to ensure their ability to work and utilize their skills. More broadly, CGFNS is deploying a virtual credentials repository that will ultimately save the academic and professional credentials of millions of health workers. In future cases of forced migration, this repository will facilitate the recognition of skills and credentials across borders, allowing skilled migrants to work in their chosen profession and earn resources to support their families.
- To support these efforts, comprehensive, up-to-date, and accessible migration data will be key. In this context, CGFNS, in partnership with the International Council of Nurses (ICN), created the International Centre on Nurse Migration (ICNM) which serves as a comprehensive knowledge resource to emphasize the development, promotion, and dissemination of research, policy and information on global nurse migration and human resources in nursing.

Advances in the protection of the human rights of migrants through the implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM)

- With respect to the protection and advancement of human rights of migrants through the implementation of the GCM, CGFNS has led efforts in advancing global codes of ethics that ensure ethical recruitment of international healthcare workers:
 - *The Health Care Code for Ethical International Recruitment & Employment Practices* was developed by stakeholders from across the healthcare sector and is administered by CGFNS' Alliance for Ethical International Recruitment Practices, and the WHO 2010 Code of Global Practice on the International Recruitment of Healthcare Personnel.
- The two Codes work in tandem, with the WHO Code articulating global principles and a framework for international awareness and cooperation and the Alliance Code providing detailed guidance to individuals and companies operating in the healthcare recruitment sector. Both these codes garner credibility and awareness as tools to advance the overarching principles that serve as the foundation of the GCM.

CGFNS is excited about our global collaboration with the UN in support of efforts to protect migrants.



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