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Meeting of the States Parties

Summary record of the 5th meeting

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Temporary Chair: Mr. Mokhiber..... (Representative of the Secretary-General)

Chair: Mr. Apakan..... (Turkey)

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The meeting was called to order at 10.20 a.m.

Opening of the Meeting by the representative of the Secretary-General

1. **The Temporary Chair**, speaking on behalf of the Secretary-General, said that since the Fourth Meeting in 2009, the number of States parties to the Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families had increased from 42 to 45 with the accession of Guyana, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and Bangladesh. While the increase was welcome, the limited number of States which had ratified or acceded to the Convention remained the most significant challenge faced by the Committee in ensuring the protection of the rights of all migrant workers and members of their families. The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) continued to use occasions such as the yearly commemoration of International Migrants Day on 18 December to promote the further ratification of the Convention. He noted with satisfaction that many of the States parties present were also active in promoting the Convention.

2. The Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families had now held 15 sessions. During its 2010 and 2011 sessions it had considered six initial and two second periodic reports and had adopted conclusions and recommendations aimed at the effective implementation of the Convention at the national level. The Committee had likewise adopted its General Comment No. 1 on Migrant Domestic Workers in 2010 and at its fifteenth session in September 2011, had embarked on the drafting of its second general comment on the rights of migrant workers in an irregular situation and members of their families.

3. With the aim of reducing the reporting burden on States parties and improving its own working methods, the Committee had adopted a new optional procedure that consisted in elaborating a list of issues before a periodic report was due. The reply of the State party would constitute its report to the Committee. The Committee had also decided to consider the reports of States parties in accordance with a comprehensive reporting calendar in order to cover all States parties to the Convention over a reporting cycle of five years, in line with article 73, paragraph 1 (b), of the Convention. As a result, the Committee would examine a total of

nine States parties per year beginning in 2014, which would require additional meeting time.

4. The treaty body strengthening process had entered a decisive phase following a wrap-up meeting with treaty body Chairs in Dublin on 10 and 11 November 2011. The meeting's outcome document, known as Dublin II, included a number of recommendations related to treaty body membership. States parties were encouraged to nominate candidates with proven records of expertise in an open and transparent selection process. Membership should be limited to two full terms, and States should also refrain from nominating candidates currently serving as Government officials or otherwise occupying positions that could give rise to a conflict of interest. In 2012, following further consultations, the High Commissioner would prepare a compilation of proposals by the different stakeholders.

Election of the Chair

5. **Mr. Roman-Mokey** (Peru) nominated Mr. Apakan (Turkey) for the office of Chair of the Meeting.

6. *Mr. Apakan (Turkey) was elected Chair by acclamation.*

7. *Mr. Apakan (Turkey) took the Chair.*

Adoption of the agenda (CMW/SP/10)

8. *The agenda was adopted.*

9. **The Chair** drew attention to rules 2 and 3 of the rules of procedure (CMW/SP/3). Rule 2 provided that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of delegations should be submitted to the Secretary-General not less than one week before the date of the opening of the Meeting, and that such credentials should be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. As he had yet to receive proper credentials from some of the States parties represented at the meeting, he suggested that, in accordance with rule 3, the representatives of those States parties should be permitted to participate in the Meeting provisionally and urged them to submit their credentials as soon as possible.

10. *It was so decided.*

Election of other officers of the Meeting

11. *Mr. Wolfe (Jamaica) was elected Vice-Chair by acclamation.*

Election of seven members of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (CMW/SP/11 and Add.1)

12. **The Chair** invited the meeting to elect seven members of the Committee to replace those whose terms of office will expire on 31 December 2011, in accordance with article 72, paragraphs 1 to 5, of the Convention. Biographical data on the seven candidates nominated by States parties could be found in document CMW/SP/11. The candidacy of an additional nominee put forward by the Government of Mexico (CMW/SP/11/Add.1) had had been withdrawn.

13. *At the invitation of the Chair, Ms. Chambers (Jamaica) and Mr. Tarbah (Libya) acted as tellers.*

14. *A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	43
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	43
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	43
<i>Required majority:</i>	22
<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	
Mr. Carrión Mena (Ecuador)	41
Ms. Ladjel (Algeria)	41
Mr. Nuñez-Melgar Maguina (Peru)	41
Ms. Poussi Konsimbo (Burkina Faso)	41
Mr. El Jamri (Morocco)	39
Mr. Taghizade (Azerbaijan)	39
Mr. El-Borai (Egypt)	36

15. *Having obtained the required majority, Mr. Carrión Mena (Ecuador), Mr. El-Borai (Egypt), Mr. El Jamri (Morocco), Ms. Ladjel (Algeria), Mr. Nuñez-Melgar Maguina (Peru), Ms. Poussi Konsimbo (Burkina Faso) and Mr. Taghizade (Azerbaijan) were elected members of the Committee for a four-year term beginning 1 January 2012.*

Closure of the Meeting

16. **The Chair** declared closed the Fifth Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention.

The meeting rose at 11.25 a.m.