



MIAMSI European Board

International Movement of Apostolate in
Independent Social Milieus



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The Mediterranean: a road in the sea

Migration of peoples, cultures, religions

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After the three-day symposium

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hearing witnesses who experience receiving migrants in their daily lives

sharing their analyses

Reflecting on the challenges for both migrants and their hosts

The MIAMSI European Board calls on

Each of us

- to fight his/her fears, live the concrete experience of a personal encounter with migrants and, given the complexity of these situations, take time to adjust one's views and adapt one's behavior.
- dare to bear witness in our surroundings, family, friends, colleagues, to the experiences of people in migration situations and to the response from their hosts.

The leaders of organizations to which we belong:

- to positively welcome diversity as a chance to receive the migrants' experience to build a truly human world,
- to collaborate in establishing educational and cultural courses with the institutions concerned,

Elected representatives in the municipalities, regions, countries of Europe

- to consider migrants, refugees or asylum seekers in all their dignity and promote their inclusion with justice and loyalty, being aware of mutual responsibilities,
- to meet their commitments to the poor, whoever they are,
- to consider migration from its causes to its consequences,
- to consider the requirement of fair shares and proper use of resources and goods

International institutions to be reminded time and time again of the right and duties of each one, so that they enforce the conventions and treaties signed by the states, constantly improving them based on the current situations experienced by inhabitants of the countries concerned.

Churches, based on the Gospel, to bear witness to God's love and mercy, participate in interfaith dialogue, while working together to improve living together.

All women and men of good will to serve the common good where they live, where they have some responsibility.

Pozzallo, November 22, 2015

This statement will be completed at the end of February 2016 by a more detailed document containing all the working groups' proposals