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QUESTION OF: **ADDRESSING STATELESSNESS TO ENSURE BETTER FUTURE FOR NEW GENERATIONS.**

The General Assembly,

Noting with concern that birth records are destroyed in conflict-driven or disaster-prone countries hindering access to proof of identity leading to risks of inability to prove nationality,

Having studied that the denial or deprivation of nationality to exclude and marginalize unpopular racial, religious or ethnic minorities have been the cause of global statelessness,

Alarmed by the fact that refugees encounter issues such as limited access to potable water, living space, hygiene and unemployment on the long term,

Deploring that stateless individuals are deprived of fundamental human rights and are in vulnerable positions to become victims of sexual and physical violence as well as human trafficking,

Emphasizing on the lack of appropriate mechanisms and legislation to effectively protect stateless people at international standards,

1. Urges the government to issue birth certificates to all children born on territories, on a Jus Soli basis;
2. Stresses the importance of amending nationality laws in accordance to with international standards design at legislative level;

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3. Encourages the development of an inter-governmental strategy compromising of a National Action Plan to prevent and reduce statelessness;

4. Urges the setting up of camps with proper technology and healthcare to enable a concentrated protection and surveillance of stateless people;

5. Encourages the establishment of a database with accurate and reliable information on statelessness for reference and further acceleration of procedures for acquiring nationality;

6. Requests permissibility at executive level for reacquisition of nationality in case of loss of acquired nationality;

7. Draws attention to the provision of guidelines and technical assistance by UNHCR to legislations to establish procedures to recognize stateless people and naturalize them;

8. Encourages countries to provide nationality to stateless people over a binding work contract whereby stateless people are to be considered as the working capital of countries;

9. Encourages the use of body screening and strong border control with an aim to minimize human trafficking;

10. Urges all members to ratify conventions on statelessness and work closely together towards promoting SDG 17.