

UN Policy on International Migration: Historical Aspects

„When the Charter of the United Nations was signed in San Francisco on June 26, 1945, it heralded the birth of a universal international organization created to maintain world peace and security and to work for social progress. Its successes in economic and social development, decolonization, human rights, disarmament and peace-keeping have clearly made a difference in the second half of this century.“

1974: World Population Conference in Bucharest

- **Main topics: rapid growth of the world population and energy crisis**
- **Recommendations:**
 - **Necessary social welfare services to migrant workers and their families**
 - **Avoid discrimination in the labor market**
 - **Bilateral agreements**
 - **Concern about „brain drain“**

1984: International Conference on Population in Mexico City

- Receiving countries should work toward extending migrant workers
- Governments should provide welfare services and combat prejudice
- encourage family reunification

1994: International Conference on population and development in Cairo

- **Root causes of migration**
- **Positive contribution to development**
- **„Temporary migration“**
- **Avoid discrimination**
- **Family reunification**

In conclusion: New approaches (1994)

- **The conference emphasized the study on the „root causes“ of migration**
- **It underlined the role of remittances in the process of development**
- **It suggested to consider a policy of „temporary migration“ as a link to development**