

CLOSING CEREMONY SPEECH

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After two days of intense activity, national and international civil society organizations have worked together with diplomats and leaders in the field of family and migration, it is gratifying to know that we have reached important conclusions among which stand out, to mention just a few, the following:

- The pressing need to address the issue of family reunification of migrants.
- The protection of unaccompanied migrant minors.
- Respect for the dignity of the human person.

It is clear that the work has just begun, there is already significant progress, but the road is still long and requires hard work and tireless commitment from each of us in our different areas of influence.

We would like to express our appreciation to:

- Madam Margarita Zavala, First Lady of Mexico, who with her presence and enthusiasm gave prominence to the event;
- Commissioner Cecilia Romero, and the National Migration Institute, who opened up this spot during the National Migration Week to accommodate the International Colloquium of the Family of the Migrant Worker;
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- To the panelists and speakers who shared their knowledge, experiences and concerns with us;
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- To “*Red Familia*”, for their support and logistics;
- To Javier Castaneda, who went far beyond being just a Master of Ceremonies;
- Finally, to our hostesses, translators and all those who have quietly contributed to the success of this event.

We trust that during the event we have all been moved to do something for our fellow migrants, that after listening and criticizing, we go one step further to act upon and implement the proposals, the only way to achieve a more just world.

In conclusion, I would like to ask the Board of “*Familias y Sociedad*” to stand to offer our gratitude and congratulations to you, our guests, in recognition of your attendance and active participation, which have led to the success of this event. Thank you very much.