

## RTD@40 Pledge by AFRIW (Action for Human Rights and World Issues) e.V. Berlin, Germany

As part of the RTD@40 Pledges Initiative commemorating the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UN Declaration on the Right to Development, *AFRIW* e.V. reaffirms its unwavering commitment to protecting the rights of international migrants in Berlin, with a focused mission to combat labor exploitation.

We recognize that labor exploitation is a direct violation of the Right to Development and a major barrier to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly:

- **SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth** — by promoting safe, fair, and dignified working conditions for all, including migrants.
- **SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities** — by addressing systemic discrimination and exploitation faced by migrant workers.
- **SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions** — by supporting access to justice and legal empowerment for exploited workers.

### Our pledge:

- To **provide free, rights-based counseling and support** to international migrants in Berlin who are victims of labor exploitation, including wage theft, coercion, and unsafe working conditions.
- To **raise awareness** of labor rights and the Right to Development through multilingual workshops, community outreach, and public education campaigns in Berlin.
- To **document and report violations**, and support affected individuals in navigating legal remedies and institutional support.

- To **advocate for inclusive labor policies** that protect migrant workers and ensure their full participation in economic and social life.
- To **build solidarity networks** among migrant communities, legal professionals, and civil society actors to strengthen collective action against exploitation.

As a grassroots, non-profit organization with limited financial means, we remain deeply committed to ensuring that migrant workers in Berlin are not left behind in the global pursuit of sustainable development and human dignity.

We welcome collaboration with other stakeholders to amplify this mission and contribute meaningfully to the RTD@40 global movement.

Signed,



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