

**STATEMENT FOR Dr. FARAJI K. MNYEPE, PERMANENT SECRETARY,
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND EAST AFRICAN COOPERATION
DURING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCE TO ADOPT THE
GLOBAL COMPACT FOR SAFE, ORDERLY AND REGULAR MIGRATION,
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Your Excellency President of the Conference.

*Your Excellency María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés, President of the General
Assembly,*

Your Excellency Antonio Guterres, United Nations Secretary General,

Excellencies Heads of State and Governments,

Excellencies Heads of Delegations,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am participating in this Conference on behalf of H.E. Dr. John Pombe Joseph Magufuli, President of the United Republic of Tanzania, who could not be here himself due to other commitments at home. Through me, kindly accept his best wishes for fruitful deliberations and conclusion of this Conference.

Allow me to express my sincere gratitude to the Government and the People of the Kingdom of Morocco for the generosity and warm hospitality accorded to me and my delegation since our arrival in this beautiful country.

It is a great honor to be in this important and historical Conference to adopt the first intergovernmental negotiated agreement that covers all dimensions of international migration in a holistic and comprehensive manner, namely the *Global Compact for safe, orderly and regular migration*.

This event is timely, given the large movements of migrants the world continues to experience as of today. It is our hope that the Compact will provide solution to the growing multi-dimensional challenges of migration management.

Mr. President,

Today, there are over 258 million migrants around the world living outside their countries of origin due to various reasons such as; conflicts, poor governance, population growth, increasing connectivity, trade, rising inequality, demographic imbalances and climate change, among others. This figure is expected to grow. It is therefore imperative to better manage migration in order to harness the immense opportunity and benefits for migrants themselves, host communities and communities of origin. Failure to do so, our societies will continue experiencing unexpected arrival of large numbers of people and increase risks of migrants who undertake dangerous journeys.

The United Republic of Tanzania just like other nations is a country of origin, transit and destination, facing the challenge of migration movements in Africa. It is in this regard that my country reiterates the importance of the establishment of the capacity-building mechanism in the United Nations to support efforts of Member States to implement the Global Compact for Migration (GCM). Surely, this will help strengthen capacities and foster multi-partner cooperation as no State can address migration alone.

Mr. President,

Now that we have the Migration Compact, the United Republic of Tanzania firmly believes that a robust willingness for an adequate international response is needed. Having the Compact in letters is one thing, and implementing the Compact is the other. We must all put in practice all the short, medium and long term approaches to migration governance. These approaches must respond both to the right to migrate and to the sovereign right of States to protect their borders. There is an increased need for a new migration governance that is more effective, and anchored in both, the protection of the dignity of migrants, and respect for laws of countries of destination and transit.

Just as the Compact is built on the spirit of the whole society approach, States should recognize the important contribution of all other stakeholders into making the Compact a reality.

The United Republic of Tanzania recognizes the importance of all the twenty three objectives of the Compact. We further recognize ways in which the objectives align with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and their recognition that migration and sustainable development are multidimensional and interdependent. These linkages showcase a perfect new drive on how the United Nations member states and regional bodies are tackling complex issues in a more integrated approach.

Mr. President,

The United Republic of Tanzania commends the pivotal role of the International Organization for Migration in forming the Compact. As a country, we have worked with the IOM Country Office in close partnership on areas of capacity building and technical assistance. The Organization is an asset to the cause. It is in this regard that the United Republic of Tanzania recognizes the tremendous leadership of former IOM Director General, Ambassador Lacy Swing and commits itself to continue working with Mr. Antonio Vitorino, the current Director General in the activities of migration in the country.

Mr. President,

The Global Compact for Migration is the first-ever UN Global agreement on a common approach to international migration in all its dimensions. It is legally non-binding. It is grounded in values of state sovereignty, responsibility sharing, non-discrimination, respect for human rights and recognizes that a cooperative approach is needed to optimize the overall benefits of migration,

while addressing its risks and challenges for individuals and communities in countries of origin, transit and destination.

At this juncture Mr. President, I would like to state on the importance of objective number two of the Compact that seeks to foster sustainable and equitable development in sending countries. It is absolute truth that migration will be better manageable if the choice to do so is driven by ranking of available alternatives and not out of pure necessity or a means of last resort.

As I conclude my remarks, allow me to reiterate the United Republic of Tanzania's unwavering support in executing the objectives of the Global Compact for safe, orderly and regular migration, in accordance to the national laws and regulations, with emphasis on addressing irregular migration and establishing comprehensive migration governance, which is crucial for enhancing national, international security and stability as well as socio-economic development.

I thank you for your kind attention.

Asante sana!