

Process of elaborating and adopting a Global Compact on safe, regular and orderly migration

The decision and commitment by the UN member states to start a process of elaborating and adopting a Global Compact on safe, regular and orderly migration is a pinnacle element of the outcome of the UN High Level Meeting on addressing large movements of refugees and migrants (UNHLM).

The Global Compact should be firmly anchored in the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development. It is in our view a concretization and evolution of the migration related ambitions of the Agenda and more specifically of target 10.7. The process of elaboration, adoption and possibly also of a follow-up and review should be aligned to the Agenda 2030 process and be kept lean and straight forward, thereby avoiding unnecessary duplications and cumbersome institutional structures.

With regard to the process, we support the proposal made by the co-facilitators to invite the President of the General Assembly to make arrangements for determination of the modalities, timeline and other practicalities. Considering the critical role played these past years, we would also suggest entrusting the SRSG, Peter Sutherland with a role in the process.

We also consider that such a process should be state-led but giving ample room for multi-stakeholder interaction and consultation. It should draw on the existing body of knowledge while identifying possible gaps and take steps to close them. The GFMD should play an important role in the process, staying within its mandate, and interactions should be envisaged with regional consultative processes. It should furthermore give due consideration to the leading role of IOM and attribute an appropriate role to it, while recognizing the specific and relevant expertise of other international organizations.

With regard to the adoption of a Global Compact on safe, regular and orderly migration we would strongly favor this to be done in the framework of the UN High Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development.

- We have already decided that a third UNHLD should take place no later than 2019. Organizing in addition to the UNHLD an international conference would mean duplicating structures and would require significant additional resources.
- It was also decided, in 2014, that the UNHLD should be aligned with all relevant United Nations Development review processes. This translates, after the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, in an alignment with the follow-up and review process of the Agenda. Considering that a Global Compact on migration is firmly anchored within the agenda and notably target 10.7, it seems only appropriate to have it adopted at the next UNHLD, and not at a separate international conference, thereby avoiding creating separate tracks.