

Draft statement for Hon. Pedro Roque
PAM President

**Intergovernmental Conference to adopt the Global Compact on
Migration**

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Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen, *DEAR FRIENDS,*

I am pleased to address you both as President and on behalf of all members of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean.

PARLIAMENTS
Our Assembly has promoted the Global Compact on Migration since the beginning of the drafting process, and we are *fully* committed to its follow up.

IN BUCHAREST
Last February, at our plenary session, our delegates adopted, unanimously, a resolution entitled "The Mediterranean dimension of a Global Compact on Migration", in which, our members, also recognize the importance of the ratification and implementation of the relevant international conventions on the governance of migration, and the critical need to promote human rights-based migration governance legislation, fully rooted in international human rights law, refugee law, labour law and humanitarian law.

DESPITE THE FACT
The ^{SS} Global Compact has already been negotiated. It is now our responsibility to translate its provisions into national laws, policies and practical implementation measures. *BUT WITH RESPECT TO THE FACT OF THE COMPACTS ARE LEGALLY NON-BIDING AND THAT WE SHOULD RESPECT THE SOVEREIGN RIGHT OF STATES TO DETERMINE THEIR MIGRATION POLICY.*
National and international parliaments shall ~~and must~~ play a key role in this process by monitoring and supervising the

implementation of the commitments made by their Governments for the Global Compact.

We believe that it is also very important to ensure harmonization of national legislations in the implementation of the Compact. To this end, our Assembly will hold a dedicated meeting next June, in Turkey, dedicated to the application of the values and provisions of the Global Compact on Migration in the Euro-Mediterranean region.

Finally, we strongly believe that cooperation among countries is essential to reach the results we all wish to achieve: reducing irregular arrivals, offering alternatives to migrants, bringing criminal smugglers to justice and save the lives of their victims, and tackling difficult topics, such as return and readmission. In this approach, we will also wish to involve the parliaments of those countries that suspended (we hope only temporarily) their participation in the Compact.

AS THE UN SG, ANTONIO GUTERRES, WE

~~Thank you~~

AS A FRAMEWORK
FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

BELIEVE THAT THIS COMPACT IS A "ROADMAP
TO PREVENT SUFFERINGS AND CHAOS. ~~SO~~

ACCORDINGLY WE SHOULD DEMISTIFY THE
FALSE NARRATIVES ABOUT THE COMPACT.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!