

TOWARDS A GLOBAL COMPACT FOR SAFE, ORDERLY AND REGULAR MIGRATION

1. Introduction

1.1 We commit to launch a process of intergovernmental negotiations leading to the adoption of a Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration.

1.2 This Global Compact would set out ~~a range of~~ principles and understandings among UN Member States regarding international migration in all its dimensions. It would make an important contribution to global governance on international migration. It would present a framework for comprehensive international cooperation on migrants and human mobility. It would ~~be human rights-based and~~ deal with the humanitarian, developmental, ~~human rights-related~~ and other aspects of migration and would be rooted in the 2030 Agenda.

2. Content

2.1 Elements for the Global Compact would include the following:

- International migration as a multidimensional reality of major relevance for the development of countries of origin, transit and destination (as recognized in the 2030 Agenda).
- Effective protection of the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all migrants, especially women at risk and children, regardless of their migratory status. The specific human rights protection needs of migrants in vulnerable situations.
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- The contribution made by migrants to sustainable development when their rights are protected, respected and fulfilled, and the complex interrelationship between migration and development.
- The impact of migration on human capital in countries of origin.
- Remittances as an important contribution to development and a source of private capital.
- A holistic view of migration in all its dimensions.
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- Border ~~management~~ governance.
- Combatting human trafficking and addressing migrant smuggling.
- Promotion of the inclusion migrants in host societies.

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Comment [OHCHR1]: It is imperative that such a Compact takes as its starting point the human rights of all the women, men and children who come under its scope, regardless of their migratory status or other status, and seeks to give practical effect to legal obligations in this regard.

Comment [OHCHR2]: Women are not inherently vulnerable, unlike children.

- The facilitation of safe, orderly and regular migration; the creation and expansion of [sufficient and accessible](#) safe, regular pathways for migration.
- A framework for greater international cooperation to improve migration governance.
- Data on international migration.

3. *The way forward*

- 3.1 The Global Compact would be elaborated through a process of intergovernmental negotiations. This process, which will begin in the coming months, will culminate in an intergovernmental conference on international migration in 2018 at which the Global Compact would be adopted.
- 3.2 The President of the General Assembly is invited to make arrangements for the determination of the modalities, timeline, possible preparatory conferences and other practicalities relating to the intergovernmental negotiations, including the integration of Geneva-based migration expertise.
- 3.3 As the Third High-Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development is to be held in New York “no later than 2019,” a role should be envisaged for the High-Level Dialogue in the process.
- 3.4 The UN Secretariat and the International Organization for Migration would provide support for the negotiations. The Global Forum for Migration and Development and the Global Migration Group would also make contributions, as would the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for International Migration [and the Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Migrants](#).
- 3.5 Regional consultations in support of the negotiations would be desirable.
- 3.6 Civil society, the private sector, diaspora communities and migrants themselves would contribute to the process for the preparation of the Global Compact.