



**Closing remarks made by H.E. Sheikh Hasina, Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh & Co-chair of the Round-Table-5 of 19th September High Level Meeting to Address Large Movement of Refugees and Migrants**

*Thank you, Prime Minister!*

*Excellencies,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,*

Over the past hours, we heard many presentations, concerns and propositions.

In a hyper-connected world, people will move even more in coming years and decades. If we do not lay right framework for migration governance, we will continue to struggle with migrants, even in the year 2030. Fragmented and adhoc approaches will surely fail.

Our collective search for a realistic Migration Compact must converge our interests, aspirations and security concerns. We must advance migration as an enabler and integral component of sustainable development. Let us also appreciate evolving geo-politics, demography, socio-economics, cultural realities, as well as sovereignty, national interests and rule of law.

Taking into account the factors and forces that you all underlined, I see primarily four key dilemmas:

- *First:* we need to maximize economic gains, protect citizens at home and abroad and also maintain state security and national interests.
- *Second:* we need to manage tensions between state sovereignty and universal human rights of citizens and non-citizens.
- *Third:* we will have to match capacity and resources with rising demand for governing migration and mobility.
- *Fourth:* we will have to reconcile demand for a paradigm shift with the tendency to continue business as usual.

We need pragmatic answers to these dilemmas to make migration safe, orderly, regular and responsible for all.

This April, in seeking answers, Bangladesh articulated its thoughts and possible elements for a comprehensive global Compact.

Let me share with you some of our ideas and thoughts about the Compact:

- *First:* develop, negotiate and adopt an ambitious, pragmatic and balanced Compact, taking into account regional variations and unique circumstances.
  - *Second:* recognise migration as a transformative phenomenon with potential to enhance peace, stability, harmony and progress.
  - *Third:* recognise universal principles that guide migration and mobility.
  - *Fourth:* place all forms of human mobility within the 2030 Agenda.
  - *Fifth:* address crisis-related migration, taking into account the geo-political imperatives and global market realities.
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- *Sixth:* design a new migration partnership, involving government, business and responsible civil society.

*Dear friends,*

It is time to act decisively. As we set off a global consultative process, we must commit to lifting thousands of migrants from misery and agony. I am hopeful that, we will again be in New York in 2018 with a visionary Compact. Our collective wisdom, determination and pragmatism will guide us on a right path. Let us work together to save thousands of human beings from disappearing.

*Thank you all.*

Before concluding the round table, let me take this opportunity to thank all participants for their valuable interventions and their participation.

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