



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

30 November 2018

Excellency,

Less than two weeks away from the Intergovernmental Conference for the Adoption of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, which will take place in Marrakesh, Morocco, on 10 and 11 December 2018, I would like to recall how far we have reached together.

The Global Compact is the result of a 2-year process among Member States — which had begun with the New York Declaration — with the aim of strengthening cooperation around international migration. The Global Compact, the first ever global framework on international migration, recognizes that a comprehensive approach is needed to optimize the overall benefits of migration while addressing risks and challenges for individuals and communities in countries of origin, transit and destination.

The Compact, the first ever global framework on international migration, is non-legally binding and can be used by Member States to determine their own national migration policies. I look forward to working with all Member States to make migration safe, orderly and regular for migrants.

The successful negotiations during the previous session of the General Assembly, as well as efforts that Member-States will undertake next year on the implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, reflects the role of the General Assembly as the main forum for multilateralism, where countries devise global solutions to global challenges.

Please count on my full support as we make migration safe, orderly and regular for migrants.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'MFE SPINOSA'.

María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés

All Permanent Representatives
and Permanent Observers to the United Nations