

ANNEX 2: Background

In [resolution 73/195](#) (“Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration”), the General Assembly, inter alia:

- Commits to implementing the Global Compact at the national, regional and global levels in cooperation with all relevant stakeholders (para 41 and 44);
- Welcomed the establishment of the UN Network on Migration to ensure effective and coherent system-wide support for implementation as well as follow-up and review of the GCM (para 45); and,
- Commits to conducting progress reviews at the local, national, regional and global levels in the framework of the United Nations through a State-led approach, intergovernmental in nature, and with the participation of all relevant stakeholders (para 48).

To that end the GCM:

- Creates the International Migration Review Forum (IMRF), which will take place every four years, beginning in 2022, to serve as the primary intergovernmental global platform for Member States to discuss and share progress on the implementation of all aspects of the Global Compact, with the participation of all relevant stakeholders, and which will result in an intergovernmentally agreed Progress Declaration that may be taken into consideration by the high-level political forum on sustainable development (para 49); and,
- Invites relevant subregional, regional and cross-regional processes, platforms and organizations, including the United Nations regional economic commissions or regional consultative processes, to review the implementation of the Global Compact within their respective regions, beginning in 2020, alternating with discussions at the global level at a four-year interval, in order to effectively inform each edition of the IMRF, with the participation of all relevant stakeholders (para 50).
- Encourages all Member States to develop ambitious national responses for the implementation of the GCM, and to conduct regular and inclusive reviews of progress at the national level, such as through the voluntary elaboration and use of a national implementation plan. Such reviews should draw on contributions from all relevant stakeholders, as well as parliaments and local authorities, and serve to effectively inform the participation of Member States in the International Migration Review Forum and other relevant forums (para 53).

The role of the UN Network on Migration

In [resolution 73/326](#) (“Format and organizational aspects of the international migration review forums”), the General Assembly:

- Reiterates the importance of the effective participation of all relevant stakeholders in the forums, and invites non-governmental organizations that are in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, as well as all stakeholders that were accredited to the preparatory process of the intergovernmental consultations of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration or that were accredited to participate in the Intergovernmental Conference to Adopt the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, and encourages them to register with the Secretariat in order to participate in the forums; (para 4)
- Invites national human rights institutions compliant with the Paris Principles to register with the Secretariat in order to participate in the forums, including the informal interactive multi-stakeholder hearings described in paragraph 15 below, and invites the institutions, as well as the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions and regional human rights institution networks, to submit inputs prior to the forums; (para 6)
- Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the expertise of the UN system as a whole, including specialized agencies, funds and programmes related organizations and regional economic commissions, as well as all relevant special procedures mandate holders and treaty bodies, in accordance with their respective mandates, giving due regard to Geneva-based expertise, is coordinated to support the State-led forums and to facilitate their participation therein (para 7);
- Requests the Network, in preparation for the IMRF, to collect all inputs submitted by Member States and other relevant stakeholders from local, national, regional and global levels and to develop, as part of the global knowledge platform, a dedicated website featuring these inputs to the IMRF (para 13);
- Requests the Secretary-General, as part of the biennial report preceding each forum, drawing on the Network, to provide guidance for the deliberations during the forum, including the envisaged round tables and policy debate, and to make the report available at least 12 weeks ahead of each forum (para 14);
- Requests the President of the General Assembly to organize and to preside over one day of informal interactive multi-stakeholder hearings one day prior to each forum with all relevant



stakeholders, as listed in paragraphs 4 to 7, and also requests the President of the General Assembly to invite the representative of civil society to present a summary of the hearings during the opening segment of the plenary (para 15);

- Takes note of the establishment of the Start-Up Fund for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration and requested the Secretary-General to facilitate the participation of representatives of developing countries, particularly the least developed countries, and other relevant stakeholders (para 16 and 17);
- Requests the Secretary-General, with input from the Network, to prepare a background note for each round table to be circulated at least six weeks prior to each forum (para 22); and,
- Requests the Director General of the IOM, as Coordinator of the Network, to facilitate the policy debate focusing on challenges in the implementation of the Global Compact, (para. 23).