

Canada's Explanation of Position on the 2022 IMRF Progress Declaration

Thank you, Mr. President.

Canada remains a steadfast supporter of the Global Compact for Migration, and fully supports the Progress Declaration, so ably negotiated by co-facilitators Bangladesh and Luxembourg.

Canada invites all states to join us in going even further in promoting a gender-responsive approach that addresses systemic and intersecting inequalities to reduce risks for women, LGBTI persons, girls, and others facing intersecting vulnerabilities. We also recognize and affirm women's agency in safe and orderly migration, with rights coupled with skills and talent.

Aligned with our Feminist Foreign Policy, Canada has made gender a priority during this forum, through our pledges, the inclusion of an expert on gender as part of our multistakeholder delegation, by co-sponsoring a side event on gender, and by closely following gender issues throughout this important meeting.

Our work to implement the Global Compact is not finished. Canada looks forward to strengthening collaboration on a whole of society approach, including through the meaningful participation of migrants in all their diversity, to ensure that they are included in the decision-making that affects their lives.

Today we have all recommitted to promoting safe, orderly and regular pathways. With gender responsiveness in mind, let us ensure pathways are open and safe for all.

Thank you.