



*Minister of Foreign Affairs*

Ankara, May 9, 2022

*Dear António,*

I would like to inform you about Türkiye's decision to join the "Champion Countries" of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM).

For centuries, Türkiye has been a safe haven for people fleeing wars and persecution, not only from the Middle East and Africa, but also from Europe. Today, Türkiye hosts the highest number of refugees in the world.

While providing a safe living environment for the ones in need, Türkiye also continues to pursue rights-based, human-centered and inclusive policies that are in line with the GCM objectives.

As you also witness like the rest of the world, Türkiye, with her unwavering support to global efforts and her leading role in the field of migration, has already been one of the leading countries to this end.

Türkiye fully supports the UN Migration Network and the IOM, in successfully implementing the GCM objectives for a safe, orderly and regular migration. Türkiye has also been one of the most vocal actors in maintaining the momentum achieved by the GCM and keeping migration on top of the global agenda. With this understanding, an exclusive panel on migration was organized during the second Antalya Diplomacy Forum, held on March 11-13, 2022, in Antalya.

As a 'Champion Country', Türkiye will contribute to the efforts towards mobilizing international support from different regions to achieve the successful implementation of the GCM.

Sincerely,

  
*Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu*

**H.E. Mr. António Vitorino**  
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