

**Adoption of the Progress Declaration of the International Migration  
Review Forum**

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**Explanation of Position by Hungary**

Excellences, Distinguished Delegates,

Hungary wishes to express its long-standing and clear position on migration in its national capacity regarding the Progress Declaration of the International Migration Review Forum.

In 2018, Hungary voted against the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration and we do not take part in any form in its implementation and follow-up. Therefore, we did not participate at the negotiations of this declaration either.

We cannot share the view presented in the Compact that migration is the best solution for labour market and demographic problems of countries of destination neither that it's the appropriate solution for addressing the challenges of countries of origin. Moreover, Hungary does not support any perspectives of the Progress Declaration, we do not agree with highlighting the positive elements of migration and the importance of facilitating this dangerous and harmful phenomenon either.

In our view, instead of promoting departures from the countries of origin, which can also generate further pull-factors, we should focus on providing real solutions such as assistance to the third countries locally by creating stable and secure conditions, thereby ensuring that people can stay in their homeland in peace and prosperity. According to our point of view, causes of migration must be tackled at their roots and international development efforts should enable potential migrants to remain in their home country.

Based on the aforementioned reasons, Hungary disassociates itself from the full text of the Progress Declaration of the International Migration Review Forum.

Thank you for your attention.