**International Migration Review Forum Progress Declaration**

**REV2**

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1. We, the Heads of State and Government and High Representatives, meeting at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 17 to 20 May 2022 at the first International Migration Review Forum, convened under the auspices of the General Assembly, determined to enhance cooperation on international migration in all its dimensions, to discuss and share progress on the implementation of all aspects of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, including as it relates to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and with the participation of all relevant stakeholders, have adopted the following Progress Declaration.

**Introduction**

2. We reaffirm the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, also known as the Marrakech Compact on Migration, and recall General Assembly resolution 73/195 of 19 December 2018, by which it endorsed the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration as well as General Assembly resolution 73/326 of 19 July 2019 on the “Format and organizational aspects of the international migration review forums”.

3. We also reaffirm that the Global Compact is based on a set of cross-cutting and interdependent guiding principles: people-centred, international cooperation, national sovereignty, rule of law and due process, sustainable development, human rights, gender-responsive, child-sensitive, whole-of-government approach and whole-of-society approach. *[73/326, pp4]*

4. We recommit to fulfilling the objectives and commitments outlined in the Global Compact, in line with its 360-degree vision, ~~and~~ guiding principles **and comprehensive approach**, by facilitating safe, orderly and regular migration, promoting the contributions of migrants at all skills levels to sustainable development at the local, national, regional and global levels,within the framework of the 2030 Agenda **for Sustainable Development, and** reducing the incidence and negative impact of irregular migration. *[based on GCM para 11, 12, 41 – reversed the order]*

5. We acknowledge our shared responsibilities to one another as Member States of the United Nations to respect each other’s needs and concerns over migration, and we recognize that all migrants, regardless of their migration status, are human rights holders, and reaffirm the need to protect their safety and dignity, and the **overarching** obligation to respect, protect and fulfil the~~ir~~human rights and fundamental freedoms **of all migrants**, **regardless of their migration status**, without any kind of discrimination, while promoting the security, well-being and prosperity of all our communities. *[based on GCM para 11 and 76/172, pp5]*

6. We reaffirm the importance of international cooperation to facilitate safe, orderly and regular migration and mobility of people, including through the implementation of planned and well-managed migration policies and recognize the positive contributions of migrants to inclusive growth and sustainable development in their countries of origin, transit and destination, and in the response to and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. *[SDG 10.7, para 29 of 70/1 + HLPF MD 2021, para 31]*

7. We recognize that as many as 281 million people were international migrants in 2020 globally, of whom 48 per cent were women andgirls and 15 per cent were under the age of 20, and that international migrants **enrich societies through human, socioeconomic and cultural capacities and contribute in their countries of origin and destination to sustainable development outcomes for their families and communities, including by** **having** transferred over USD $751 billion in remittances in 2021 to their countries of origin. *[based on SG report snapshot & World Bank]*

9. We commend the positive role of millions of migrants as agents of sustainable development and in responding to **and recovering from** the COVID-19 pandemic, including as essential workers, and remain deeply concerned that the pandemic has had a severe and disproportionate impact on migrants, including through increased COVID-19 exposure, discrimination, job losses, **wage theft**, protracted family separation, and restricted or lack of access to health**-care** services **and other basic services**, including vaccines, social protection, education and child services, and being subjected to unsafe and undignified returns. *[based on SG report and SG’s Policy brief on COVID-19 and People on the Move]*

9bis. We recognize that all **migrant workers, including** women migrant workers, are important contributors to sustainable development ~~in countries of origin and destination~~, and underline the value and dignity of their labour, in all sectors, including in paid and unpaid care work, as well as in domestic work and the informal economy, emphasizing the importance of promoting fair labour conditions **and decent work**, and upholding international labour standards, while ensuring that they are legally protected against violence, **harassment** and exploitation. *[based on 76/172, OP6(h)]*

9ter. We are concerned that a growing number of migrant children,~~particularly~~ **including** those who are unaccompanied or separated from their parents or primary caregivers, are particularly vulnerable along their migration journey, **and reaffirm our commitment to protecting the rights of the child and upholding the principle of the best interests of the child.** *[based on OP38, 73/155]*

10. We are concerned about the impact of financial ~~political~~and economic crises,health **emergencies** **and** food **insecurity,** as well as sudden-onset and slow-onset natural disasters, the adverseeffects of climate change, and environmental degradation, such as desertification, land degradation, drought, **floods, water scarcity** and sea level rise, on international migration and migrants. *[based on 76/172, op2 + para 18(i), GCM]*

11. We recognize the importance of creating conducive political, economic, social and environmental conditions for people to lead peaceful, productive and sustainable lives in their own country and to fulfil their personal aspirations (GCM para 18), and, in this regard,declare our profound solidarity with, and support for ~~the millions of~~ **migrants** ~~people~~, including~~migrants~~ **those** caught up in situations of crisis **in countries of transit and destination,** who are compelledto leave their homes. *[based on NY Declaration, GCM paras 18 and 23(j)]*

12. We are deeply concerned that thousands of migrants continue to **die or** go missing ~~or die~~ each year along perilous routes on land and at sea, in transit and destination countries, with reports of more than 8,436 known migrants having lost their lives and 5,534 migrants having gone missing in transit globally from 2019 to 2021. *[based on SG report snapshot and DESA International Migration 2020 Highlights]*

**12bis. We are also deeply concerned about acts, manifestations and expressions of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance against migrants and the stereotypes often applied to them, including on the basis of religion or belief.** *[based on OP4 (a), 76/172]*

**12ter. We are further concerned that migrant smuggling and crimes against migrants, including trafficking in persons, continue to pose a serious challenge.** *[based on PP28, 76/172]*

14. We take note with appreciation ofthe regional reviews of the implementation of the Global Compact and welcome the reviews of progress at the national level, including the voluntary elaboration and use of national implementation plansas well as the~~voluntary~~mainstreaming of the Global Compact in plans and legislation, drawing on contributions from and~~active~~ **meaningful** participation of all relevant stakeholders, including migrants, as well as parliaments and local governments, in line with a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach.

15. We appreciate the work of the Champion countries ~~of the Global Compact~~ and the Friends of Migration group, including their initiative to share insights, lessons learned and promising practices in support of the implementation of the Global Compact, **such as** **the Rabat Declaration adopted during the first ministerial meeting of the Champion countries on 25 March 2022.**

16. We take note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General of 27 December 2021 (A/76/642) on the implementation of the Global Compact, and its guidance for the deliberations during the forum, including policy priorities for consideration by the forum.

17. We ~~commend~~ **recognize** the work of the United Nations Network on Migration in support of the implementation of the Global Compact, including the establishment of the Capacity Building Mechanism, which is comprised ofthe Migration Multi-Partner Trust Fund and the Migration Network Hub.

**Progress, challenges and gaps in the implementation of the Global Compact**

18. We recognize the many efforts and the progress made and the good practices that have emerged in implementing the Global Compact, including efforts to realize our collective goal of advancing safe, orderly and regular migration, and in the response to **and recovery from** the COVID-19 pandemic, by national and local governments, the UN system and other international and regional organizations, migrants, diasporas, faith-based organizations, local communities, civil society, academia, the private sector, parliamentarians, trade unions, national human rights institutions, the media, humanitarian actors, **volunteers** and other relevant stakeholders.

19. We are concerned that progress achieved in facilitating and harnessing the benefits of safe, orderly and regular migration is slow and uneven in many areas and that the COVID-19 pandemic has, in many instances, **reshaped international migration and** negatively impacted progress, and created new, and exacerbated existing situations of vulnerability for migrants. Greater efforts are needed by Member States to develop ambitious national responses for the implementation of the Global Compact. We recognize that challenges and gaps in the implementation of the Global Compact exist and may be due, in part, to limited resources, national capacities and the complexity of~~irregular~~ **international** migration, as well as insufficient coordination within and between governments, and with relevant stakeholders. *(SG report, para 13)*

20. We recall that **in** General Assembly resolution 73/326, **Member States** decidedto cover all 23 objectives of the Global Compact in four round tables during the Forum.

**Round table 1 (objectives 2, 5, 6, 12 and 18)[[1]](#footnote-1)**

21. Progress has been made in mainstreaming international migration and mobility into ~~national~~ development plans and sectoral policies **at the local, national, regional and global levels**, ~~and~~ **as well as in** climate change adaptation and mitigation strategies and policies. Progress has also been achieved in the conclusion of bilateral and regional labour migration agreements, efforts to simplify administrative procedures related to migration and actions to prevent and reduce situations of vulnerability faced by migrants, in particular those in an irregular situation, including by facilitating their access to regular status, the formal economy, labour market and basic services **in line with national legislation**. **However, the availability and flexibility of pathways for regular migration remains limited.**

22. Progress has been made by ~~some~~ Member States, the private sector and other stakeholders in promoting fair and ethical recruitment and decent work for migrant workers, international labour standards, ensuring protection and respect for human rights, and reducing or banning recruitment fees and strengthening labour inspection capacities. The use of digital technologies during the pandemic has increased, which contributed to the effectiveness and transparency of migration procedures, **while also raising concerns about the digital divide for many migrants as well as challenges related to upholding migrants’ right to privacy and the protection of personal data**. Efforts have ~~also~~ been made in building the capacity of consular services. **Efforts have also been achieved** ~~and~~ in facilitating recognition of academic and vocational qualifications and skills of migrant workers and returning migrants.

23. The adverse effects of climate change, environmental degradation and natural disastersare ~~important~~ drivers of migration, which are influenced by economic, social, political and demographic ~~realities~~ **contexts**. ~~Climate finance and other~~ **Efforts** to mitigate and adapt to the adverse effects of climate change have been insufficient, as acknowledged by the twenty-sixth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and as part of the Glasgow Climate Pact. The responses to the COVID-19 pandemic and the **negative** impact of climate change and other systemic shocks have laid bare the gaps that remain in anticipating, ~~and~~ preparing for **and responding to** events that might trigger large movements of migrants.

24. The lack of mutual recognition of skills and qualifications of migrants limits their potential as well as their contribution to sustainable development and leaves migrants vulnerable to exploitation. Many migrant workers, especially women migrant workers, continue~~d~~ to face precarious working conditions, wage theft, labour exploitation, reduced wages, discriminatory dismissals, withholding of benefits, forced unpaid leave and protracted separation from their families, which have been exacerbated during the COVID-19 pandemic. Migration procedures often lack predictability and allow for high levels of discretionary action, limiting ~~opportunities for~~ **migrants’ access** ~~their right~~to due process.

**Round table 2 (objectives 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13 and 21)[[2]](#footnote-2)**

25. Stakeholders have developed guidance for the development of transnational search mechanisms, promoting cross-border operational cooperation and information-sharing, and the establishment of other internationally coordinated efforts on missing migrants. ~~Progress has also been achieved in establishing~~ **O**bservatories **have been established** to collect migration data, **and progress has been achieved** in curbing the incidence of smuggling of migrants and in improving the capacity of Member States to identify networks of migrant smugglers and their organizers, and in identifying and responding to the needs of the migrants who are being smuggled.

26. There are increasing efforts by Member States to foster cross-border collaboration for the prevention of trafficking in persons, the investigation and prosecution of human traffickers, and to provide assistance and access to services to victims and survivors of trafficking in persons ~~who return or are returned to their country of origin~~. Efforts are being made to modernize border crossing points, including by simplifying procedures and upgrading infrastructure and equipment, to reduce immigration detention, including by implementing non-custodial alternatives to detention in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, and to end child immigration detention **in line with international law**, **taking into account that such detention is never in the best interests of the child** ~~while always upholding the principle of the best interests of the child~~. In response to the challenges posed by the pandemic, some Member States temporarily suspended forced returns and expanded assistance to returning migrants.Some Member States have supported reintegration and recognized the opportunity to leverage the skills and knowledge acquired by returning nationals.

27. Progress has been made in issuing migrants, including unaccompanied **children** ~~minors~~, with ~~proof of nationality and~~relevant documentation. However, challenges remain regarding international cooperation on identification of nationals and issuance of travel documents as many Member States still lack robust civil registration systems or the capacity to issue identity and travel documents. Migrants continue to face risks throughout the migration journey, owing to a lack of proof of legal identity, insufficient access to information or lack of predictability in migration procedures. **Some p**olicies, practices and conditions associated with immigration detention, including arbitrary deprivation of liberty, overcrowding and poor access to **essential** services have affected~~migrants’,~~ **the** physical and mental health and well-being **of migrants, including children** ~~as well as child development.~~

28. **Migrants continue to struggle to access and receive humanitarian assistance, including search and rescue efforts and medical care, which create and exacerbate situations of vulnerability.** Humanitarian assistance provided to migrantsalong perilous routes and in other situations where their life or safety is in danger is often criminalized, even in the absence of **a financial or other material benefit** ~~material or financial gain~~, which is **an essential element of** ~~required in~~the definition of migrant smuggling in the Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air.

29. ~~The breadth of~~ Mobility restrictions imposed ~~by countries of origin, transit and destination~~as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic ha**ve**, in many instances, **created and** exacerbated situations of vulnerability faced by migrants, including through insufficient efforts to manage national borders in an integrated, secure and coordinated manner. **In some cases, States have forcibly returned migrants with insufficient regard for health risks or due process and procedural safeguards, including the best interests of the child. Mobility and other restrictions, including border closures and lockdowns, as well as capacity limitations constrained the return and readmission of migrants who wished to return.** *(SG report, para 65)*

30. Poverty, inequalities, economic exclusion and **violence, including** sexual and gender-based violence, which have increased during the pandemic, are among the key risk factors of trafficking in persons, especially for women, children and young people. The COVID-19 pandemic has complicated access to, and the provision of, support to victims and survivors of trafficking in persons. In some instances, public health considerations were used to justify detention or unlawful deportation. Member States also faced practical challenges in ensuring **human** rights-based alternatives to detention, particularly with regard to providing adequate living conditions and access to gender-responsive and **people-centered** services for migrants.

**Round table 3 (objectives 14, 15, 16, 19, 20 and 22)[[3]](#footnote-3)**

31. In some cases, consular support has been strengthened through “one-stop-shop” virtual mechanisms, regional and sub-regional coordination and consular cooperation. The COVID-19 pandemic has also given rise to strengthened consular cooperation between States to protect their nationals and to assist them, **including** in the safe, voluntary and dignified return **of migrants**. ~~Many~~ **Several** consular services also implemented virtual service delivery to improve accessibility in the context of reduced in-person service*.*

31bis. Efforts to provide equal, ~~and~~ safe **and affordable** access to services, including ~~affordable~~ access to health-care **services** and vaccines, **to all migrants,** as well as access to unemployment benefits and adequate social protection, without risk of **arrest**, **detention and** deportation ~~or detention~~, have been essential in the effective response to the COVID-19 pandemic, in particular at the local level.

31ter. Progress was also made in promoting inclusion and social cohesion, including through language training and improved access to professional training, employment, education, and social inclusion and protection measures, as well as through community awareness campaigns, based on inclusion, equality, **non-discrimination** and respect for diversity.

32. Progress was achieved in the provision of health**-care** services, including mental health services, and psychosocial support and assistance to those impacted by the pandemic, including through efforts of diaspora networks and communities that set up humanitarian initiatives and digital platforms. Progress was also made in the recognition of the role of diaspora engagement and remittances in national development strategies, and in programmes to improve the financial inclusion and literacy of ~~foreign~~ **migrant** workers and their families. Several Member States concluded and implemented bilateral or multilateral agreements to foster the portability of social security entitlements.

33. At the same time, many migrants and their families struggle to gain **safe** access to basic services, such as health-care **services**, despite being disproportionately exposed to COVID-19 due to their living conditions and their employment in essential jobs. Migrants were often not systematically covered by COVID-19 testing, treatment and vaccination policies and programmes as well as pandemic-related socioeconomic support and recovery measures, despite their loss of jobs and income. Safe access to basic services, social protection or recovery assistance often remained limited to migrants with a regular status, which can place migrants with irregular status in a situation of vulnerability.

34. Alongside remittances remaining resilient, the pandemic has offered lessons to improve the remittance market, including by expanding the use of digital channels, promoting innovation, competition and transparency, reducing transaction costs and increasing digital and financial inclusion. However, there is an uneven distribution across Member States of digital remittance channels, which depend on sound infrastructure and on digital and financial inclusion. Many **migrants, in particular migrant** women, lack access to financial services and mobile-enabled data, even though they often rely on receiving remittances to support themselves and their families. Coverage and portability of social security benefits and other entitlements remain limited due to exclusion, barriers to eligibility, lack of implementation of existing frameworks and limited cross-border cooperation.

**Round table 4 (objectives** **1, 3, 7, 17 and 23)[[4]](#footnote-4)**

35. Progress has been made in improving the collection and use of disaggregated migration data, including through the establishment of migration data and knowledge centres and observatories, as well as the promotion of bilateral and regional exchanges and initiatives on migration data*.* During the pandemic, many Member States, ~~and~~ local governments**, civil society organizations** **and other relevant stakeholders** launched awareness-raising initiatives and translated COVID-19-related information into multiple languages to help improve migrants’ access to information and health**-care** services.

36. Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, some Member States have taken action to reduce situations of vulnerability for migrants, **including** by providing them, regardless of their migration status, access to COVID-19-related health-care services and vaccinations, by extending visa and residence permits to avoid migrants falling into an irregular status, ~~and~~ by halting forced returns **and by establishing cross-border coordination mechanisms to facilitate safe and dignified voluntary returns***.* Many Member States and relevant stakeholders, **including diaspora communities,** have taken steps to combat discrimination, racism, **violence,** xenophobia and related intolerance against migrants, by sharing examples of migrants and communities working together to make the places where they live and work more inclusive*.* Many Member States and stakeholders cooperated in relation to implementing the Global Compact, including by developing and strengthening bilateral, subregional, regional, inter-regional and global dialogues and initiatives, such as bilateral labour migration agreements, and regional migration observatories*.*

37. Gaps in data collection and analysis persist, often due to outdated, incompatible or inadequate sources and systems forhigh-quality, accessible, timely, reliable data collection and disaggregation by income, sex, age, race, ethnicity, migration status, disability, geographic location and other characteristics relevant in national contexts, as well as limited digital capacity. The COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated challenges in data collection, in particular with regard to the 2020 round of population censuses, which are a key source of migration data*.* **Multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination,** **racial** discrimination, xenophobia **and related intolerance,** misinformation and stigma against migrants orpersons belonging to **ethnic and religious** minorities ~~associated with migration~~ remain widespread, including misleading narratives that generate negative perceptions of migrants, falsely associate migrants **and diasporas** with **disease or** criminal activities, ~~or~~ heighten anti-immigrant sentiments and promote violence against migrants*.* ~~The funding of the Migration Multi-Partner Trust has been insufficient to meet the strong demand from Member States and stakeholders to support the implementation of the Global Compact~~*~~.~~*

**37bis.** The funding of the Migration Multi-Partner Trust **Fund** has been insufficient to meet the strong demand from Member States and stakeholders to support the implementation of the Global Compact.

**Recommendations to accelerate the implementation of the Global Compact and commitments and actions for further international cooperation on international migration**

38. We commit to building on ~~the~~ promising practices to harness the benefits of safe, orderly and regular migration, including those that emerged in the response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and to promoting inclusive access to basic services for migrants*,* including by providing all migrants, regardless of their migration status, **safe** access to ~~essential~~ **basic** services and continuity of care, such as COVID-19 vaccinations, testing and treatment in line with universal health coverage, **to ensure** ~~and by ensuring~~ that no one is left behind in achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. In this context, we commit to~~ensuring~~ **promoting** the meaningful participation of migrantsin policy processes on issues affecting them, including in the COVID-19 response and recovery. *[based on SG report, para 98; on 76/172, OP6(f); and A/CONF.219/2021/IPC/CRP.2, para 84]*

39. Building on the lessons learned during the COVID-19 pandemic **and realizing that there is a need to prepare for future health emergencies**, we ~~commit to~~ **will** integrat**e** ~~ing~~ promising practices, consistent with the Global Compact, into migration policies. In this regard, we commit to accelerating efforts, at all levels, to integrate public health considerations into migration policies and incorporating the health needs of migrants in national and local health-care **services**, policies and plans, in ways which are transparent, equitable, non-discriminatory, **people-centered**, gender-responsive,~~and~~child-sensitive **and disability-responsive,** and which leave no one behind.

39bis. Recognizing that migrants are integral to our societies, we commit to **promoting** ~~enhancing~~their meaningful participation in policy development, delivery and reviews, and recommitto fostering inclusive and cohesive societies, by strengthening the provision of information, support and services, which contribute to migrants’ integration. *[based on GCM Objective 16]*

40. We **commit to** ~~will~~ accelerat**ing** efforts to develop and implement **legislation**, policies, practices and discourse to eliminate **racism, including** systemic racism, all forms of discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, stigmatization, hate speech, **hate crimes targeting migrants** as well as negative stereotypingand **misleading narratives that generate negative perceptions** ~~disinformation~~ on migration and migrants, including by promoting evidence-based public discourse, ~~including~~ **inter alia** in partnership with local actors, ~~and~~ migrants **and diaspora communities, bearing in mind the** ~~with a particular focus on their~~ role **of migrants** as agents of sustainable development and as rights holders**,** **while upholding the right to freedom of expression.** *[based on SG report, para 57 and 76/172, OP11(g)]*

41. We commit to respecting, ~~promoting and~~ protecting **and fulfilling** the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all migrants, including those of women and children, regardless of their migration status, and to addressing international migration through bilateral, regional and international cooperation and dialogue and a comprehensive and balanced approach, recognizing the roles and responsibilities of countries of origin, transit and destination in promoting and protecting the human rights of all migrants and ensuring that their legislation and migration policies and practices are non-discriminatory and consistent with international human rights obligations, in order to avoid approaches that might create or aggravate situations of vulnerability for migrants. *[based on 76/172, OP 1]*

42. We commit to adopting national gender-responsive and child-sensitive migration policies and legislation in line with relevant obligations under international law to respect, protect and fulfill the human rights of all migrant women and children, **in particular girls,** regardless of their migration status. In this regard, we stress the importance of ensuring the full, equal, and meaningful participation of women in the formulation and implementation of migration policies, **while** recognizing their independence, agency and leadership. *[based on 76/141, OP31 + GCM, para 15(g)]*

42bis. We commit to protecting the human rights of **all** migrant children, **regardless of their migration status,** ~~given their vulnerability, particularly~~ **including** unaccompanied **or separated** migrant children, ensuring that the best interests of the child are a primary consideration in **all actions concerning children in** our legislation, policies and practices, including **those related to** ~~on~~integration, return and family reunification. **We will evaluate, through appropriate mechanisms, progress and challenges in working to end the practice of child detention in the context of international migration**. *[OP6(k), 76/172]*

42ter. We will enhance international cooperation with the aim of eliminating the adverse drivers and structural factors **that hinder people from building and maintaining sustainable livelihoods** and ~~that~~ **so** compel **them** ~~people~~ to leave their country of origin, especially by actions that accelerate the realization of the **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including** theSustainable Developments Goals. *[based on GCM objective 2(b)]*

43. We will strengthen our efforts to enhance and diversify pathways to facilitate safe, orderly and regular migration, including in response to demographic and~~national~~labour market realities, and for migrants in vulnerable situations, including those affected by disasters, climate change and environmental degradation. **We commit to achieving these,** including byworking coherently across all relevant multilateral fora, concluding labour mobility agreements, facilitating **access to procedures for** family reunification, **while upholding the right to family life,** and regularizing migrants in an irregular situation in line with national **legislation** ~~priorities~~*.* In this regard, we commit to providing migrants access to information pertaining to their rights and obligations during all stages of migration, including information on fair and ethical recruitment, skills, qualifications, entry and exit requirements, living and working conditions, wages and benefits, and access to **justice and** services, among others. *[based on SG report, para 101]*

**43bis. We will redouble our efforts to take legislative or other measures to prevent, combat and eradicate trafficking in persons and forced labour in the context of international migration, including by intensifying bilateral, regional and international cooperation on prevention, investigation and prosecution of perpetrators, as well as identification and protection of, and assistance to, victims and survivors of trafficking in persons by, inter alia, providing access to measures for their physical, psychological and social recovery and reintegration, including by adopting child-sensitive procedures for children, facilitating access to justice, and avoiding the criminalization of migrants who are victims of trafficking in persons for trafficking-related offenses, while ensuring that the victim receives appropriate protection and assistance, which is not conditional upon cooperation with the authorities against suspected traffickers.** [CO-FACILITATORS’ PROPOSAL based on comments in the room to split the previous 43bis, building on GCM paras 26, 26(c), 26(e) and 26(h)]

**43ter. We commit to intensifying joint efforts to prevent and counter the smuggling of migrants, in full respect for human rights, by protecting the lives and human rights of migrants, ensuring safe and effective access to justice for migrant victims of crime and ensuring that migrants do not become liable to criminal prosecution for the fact of having been the object of, as well as by combatting the criminal activity of smuggling networks that put the lives of migrants at risk, stressing in addition the importance of enhancing pathways for safe, orderly and regular migration to reduce the incidence of smuggling of migrants.** [CO-FACILITATORS’ PROPOSAL based on comments in the room to split the previous 43bis, building on GCM paras 25, 25(c) and the Kyoto Declaration]

43quat. We commit to increasing cooperation for safe and dignified return, in full respect for the human right to return to one’s own country, **the prohibition of collective expulsion** and the obligation of States to readmit their own nationals, and we will accelerate our efforts so that returning migrants are assisted in their **sustainable** reintegration process through effective partnerships. *[based on GCM para 37 and 39(b)]*

43quint. We commit to enhancing cooperation to address violence, **including sexual and gender-based violence, and harassment** against women migrant workers in line with **labour standards and** relevant obligations under international law, and to **eliminate** ~~reduce the~~ **situations of** vulnerability **~~of~~ for** women migrant workers, by promoting decent work, **including by** adopting **and implementing** minimum wage policies, facilitating **safe and** effective access to justice and protection and support for victims **and survivors** of violence **and harassment.** *[NEW]*

44. Recognizing the foundational role of proof of legal identity in fulfilling the objectives of the Global Compact, such as enhancing access to regular pathways, preventing and reducing statelessness and facilitating safe and dignified return, as well as sustainable reintegration, we commit to accelerating efforts to ensure that **all migrants have proof of legal identity and adequate documentation and that** **our nationals** have non-discriminatory access to proof of nationality and other relevant documents, including strengthening **identification procedures and** documentation systems, through digitalization efforts, as well as consular capacities and cooperation, including via technical assistance and bilateral or regional agreements.*[SG report, para 72 + based on GCM para 30(a)]*

45. We **commit to** ~~will~~ facilitat**ing** ~~e~~ the mutual recognition of formal and informal skills and competencies acquired by migrants, including by issuing documents to this effect, ~~to~~ support**ing** the skilling and reskilling of **migrants and** returning migrants, ~~to~~ promot**ing** decent work opportunities, ~~to~~ enhanc**ing** international cooperation to allow for the recovery of **earned wages,** benefits and entitlements of returning migrants, and ~~to~~ promot**ing** the sustainable reintegration of returning migrants by providing them with equal access to social protection and services. *[based on SG report and 76/141]*

46. Concerned that the cost of transferring remittances remained at 6.3 per cent during the third quarter of 2021, we **will** ~~commit to~~ redoubl**e** ~~ing~~ our efforts to reduce the average transaction cost of migrant remittances by 2030 to less than 3 per cent of the amount transferred, including by adopting digital solutions **for faster, safer and cheaper remittances**, promoting digital and financial inclusion and accelerating access to transaction accounts for migrants*. [based on FFD outcome 2021, para 39; Remittance Prices Worldwide - Issue 39, September 2021 World Bank, 2022 FSDR page 85]*

47. We invite relevant subregional, regional and cross-regional processes, platforms, **dialogues, fora** and organizations, including the United Nations regional economic commissions and regional consultative processes on migration, in reviewing the progress made in the implementation of the Global Compact at all levels, to consider ways to enhance cooperation related to its implementation, in consultation with all relevant stakeholders and **in line with** ~~while maintaining~~ a 360-degree **vision** ~~approach~~. ~~strengthen action on those commitments and objectives, which have received less attention during the first round of regional reviews and where enhanced regional cooperation is essential for their implementation.~~

48. We will integrate migration as a cross-cutting issue in national development plans, development cooperation and other relevant frameworks, and through the voluntary elaboration of ambitious and inclusive national implementation plans, in line with a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach, and expand international cooperation and partnerships to implement the vision of the Global Compact, including through financial and technical assistance to developing countries, especially to African countries, least developed countries, landlocked developing countries,~~and~~small island developing States **and middle income countries.** *[SG report, para 109]*

49. We request the Secretary-General, in his next biennial report, to propose a limited set of indicators, drawing on the global indicator framework for the Sustainable Development Goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development as contained in General Assembly resolution 71/313 of 6 July 2017 and other relevant frameworks, for consideration by Member States, and to assist them in conducting regular and inclusive reviews of progress the implementation of the Global Compact, as well as to include a comprehensive strategy for improving disaggregated migration data at the local, national, regional and global levels.

50. We commit to strengthening national capacities, including for data collection, and international partnerships to realize the **vision** ~~objectives and commitments~~laid out in the Global Compact, including through the Capacity Building Mechanism ~~of the Global Compact~~, and we encourage Member States and stakeholders to submit good practices, ~~and~~ lessons learnt **and challenges** to the Migration Network Hub’s Repository of Practices, and to consider making financial contributions to the Migration Multi-Partner Trust Fund.

51. We take note with appreciation ofthe efforts of the Network in strengthening enhanced system-wide coherence **and guidance** in support of the implementation of the Global Compact **and the realization of our collective goal of safe, orderly and regular migration** and call on the Network, to ~~work~~ **cooperate** with Member States and **relevant** stakeholders to strengthen collaboration, engagement and linkages at regional, national and locallevels. *[SG Report, para 92]*

52. Building on the pledging initiative of the Network,[[5]](#footnote-5) we welcome pledges made by Member States and relevant stakeholders in the lead-up to the forum and encourage further pledges. We alsorequest the Network to provide support to Member States and **relevant** stakeholders in their implementation of their pledges, as appropriate. We further encourage States to include these pledges and their implementation in their submissions of voluntary national reports.

53. We will further align the implementation of relevant commitments and objectives from the Global Compact with those under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, the Paris Agreement and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction and other relevant international**ly agreed** instruments or **international** frameworks.

54. We commit to strengthening the linkages between the Global Compact, the 2030 Agenda and their review forums and ~~will strive~~to includ**ing** progress, challenges and gaps in implementing the Global Compact in our voluntary national reviews of progress in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, **as appropriate. We** invite the Coordinator of the United Nations Network on Migration to report on the status of implementation of the Global Compact during the High-level Political Forum, and encourage relevant subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council to contribute to the review of the implementation of the Global Compact.

55. We aim to develop transparent, safe and predictable disembarkation mechanisms for rescued people, promoting responsibility-sharing in providing a place of safety, complying with international obligations at borders and along migratory routes, and refraining from obstructing humanitarian efforts aimed at providing life-saving assistance, and from criminalizing those who provide it. *[SG report, paras 104 to 106]*

56. We request the Secretary-General, with the support of the Network and other relevant actors, to include actionable recommendations on strengthening cooperation on missing migrants and providing humanitarian assistance to migrants in distress with the aim of preventing loss of life in transit, including by collaborating with humanitarian **actors** ~~organizations~~, in his next biennial report.

57. We request the President of the General Assembly to hold a plenary meeting of the General Assembly in the second semester of 2024 in order to consider the next biennial report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Global Compact, as well as the outcomes of the regional reviews, presented by the Coordinator of the Network, and for Member States and stakeholders to present, on a voluntary basis, progress in implementing the pledges they have made in the context of the forum.

1. Objective 2: *Minimize the adverse drivers and structural factors that compel people to leave their country of origin*; Objective 5: *Enhance availability and flexibility of pathways for regular migration*; Objective 6: *Facilitate fair and ethical recruitment and safeguard conditions that ensure decent work*; Objective 12: *Strengthen certainty and predictability in migration procedures for appropriate screening, assessment and referral*; Objective 18: *Invest in skills development and facilitate mutual recognition of skills, qualifications and competences.*  [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Objective 4: *Ensure that all migrants have proof of legal identity and adequate documentation*; Objective 8: *Save lives and establish coordinated international efforts on missing migrants*; Objective 9: *Strengthen the transnational response to smuggling of migrants*; Objective 10: *Prevent, combat and eradicate trafficking in persons in the context of international migration*; Objective 11: *Manage borders in an integrated, secure and coordinated manner*; Objective 13: *Use migration detention only as a measure of last resort and work towards alternatives*; Objective 21: *Cooperate in facilitating safe and dignified return and readmission, as well as sustainable reintegration.* [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Objective 14: *Enhance consular protection, assistance and cooperation throughout the migration cycle*; Objective 15: *Provide access to basic services for migrants*; Objective 16: *Empower migrants and societies to realize full inclusion and social cohesion*; Objective 19: *Create conditions for migrants and diasporas to fully contribute to sustainable development in all countries*; Objective 20: *Promote faster, safer and cheaper transfer of remittances and foster financial inclusion of migrants*; Objective 22: *Establish mechanisms for the portability of social security entitlements and earned benefits.* [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Objective 1: *Collect and utilize accurate and disaggregated data as a basis for evidence-based policies*; Objective 3: *Provide accurate and timely information at all stages of migration*; Objective 7: *Address and reduce vulnerabilities in migration*; Objective 17: *Eliminate all forms of discrimination and promote evidence-based public discourse to shape perceptions of migration*; Objective 23: *Strengthen international cooperation and global partnerships for safe, orderly and regular migration.* [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. The Network organized a pledging initiative in the context of the first International Migration Review Forum to support the further implementation of the Global Compact. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)