

Joint Statement

Sixth Round of Intergovernmental Negotiations of the “Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration”

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Thank you, co-facilitators.

I have the honour to speak on behalf of Argentina, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Liechtenstein, Mexico, Nepal, Panama, Paraguay, the Philippines, Switzerland, Uruguay and my own delegation, Brazil.

After months of intense negotiations, our group is very pleased to be here today and to join the consensus regarding the final version of the text of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration.

In this regard, we find that the final draft has managed to capture the views and concerns expressed by all the delegations. Even though it is not perfect, the GCM is the best possible compromise that one could expect from a meaningful multilateral document: a balanced, comprehensive and consistent framework for our bilateral, regional and multilateral migration policies for the years to come, to be implemented in line with the high standards and the good practices that our countries have already developed concerning international and intraregional migration.

We are particularly pleased to see that the final document builds upon the New York Declaration on Refugee and Migrants, addressing migration from a 360-degree perspective. The text that we have in front of us is based on international human rights law, providing a relevant set of policies to address

the vulnerable situations that migrants face in the migration cycle, with a people-centered, child-sensitive and gender-responsive approach.

In this regard, the GCM contains key commitments and actions, such as those on access to justice and to basic services by all migrants, regardless of migration status; the protection of the labour rights of migrants and the promotion of decent work; the attention to the specific challenges faced by migrant women; the centrality of the principle of the best interest of the child; the assurances on safe and dignified return; among others.

We are also pleased to see that the GCM establishes a good basis for the process of implementation by the Member States at national, bilateral, regional and multilateral levels, as well as through enhanced and reinforced international cooperation.

We will continue to work to further develop the remaining aspects of the follow-up and review mechanisms of the GCM, particularly in what regards the establishment of the capacity building mechanism and the future negotiations of the modalities resolution for the International Migration Review Forum.

Most of all, at this stage, our group will remain active and engaged in the preparations for the Marrakesh Intergovernmental Conference in December, promoting the participation of our Governments at the highest level and working with all other delegations to ensure a successful and productive meeting.

Mr. Co-facilitators,

In order to achieve such a relevant outcome in this process, your leadership has proved essential. By working in a transparent, inclusive and result-oriented manner, you and your team, with the support of the office of the SRSG Louise Arbour, have fulfilled your mandate to help us navigate through difficult and sensitive issues and to reach a common view of migration. With the GCM, we hope we can finally bring this subject into the heart of the activities of the United Nations. We will always be grateful for the excellent work you have done.

Last, but definitely not least, we would like to thank all the other delegations for their constructive engagement, openness and commitment to this process. The fact that we have been able to work together to bridge our differences and to achieve a positive outcome that we can collectively take pride in is a major testimony to the importance of dialogue and multilateralism.

I thank you.