

GLOBAL COMPACT FOR A SECURE, ORDERED AND REGULAR MIGRATION

MEXICO'S POSITION

The Government of Mexico attaches great importance to the negotiation and adoption of the Global Compact for Migration, with the conviction that this process will constitute a landmark in its global governance. In a nutshell, this is the first time that the United Nations convenes all relevant parties to address in a holistic manner this issue so fundamental for humanity, with a view to underpin our concerted action at global scale.

As per the mandate of the New York Declaration on Large Movements of Refugees and Migrants, adopted on September 19th, 2016, the President of the United Nations General Assembly appointed the Permanent Representatives of Switzerland and Mexico to the United Nations as co-facilitators for the process leading to the intergovernmental negotiations of the Global Compact for Migration.

The process has two pillars. One is to build up an agenda that addresses the issue of migration with objectivity and in all its complexity. The other is to provide a platform for our enhanced and meaningful international cooperation.

As for the first pillar, the substantive agenda, Mexico hopes that the Global Compact for Migration will set a comprehensive and balanced approach, which fully supports human rights and all related development and humanitarian imperatives, and which fully considers the multiplicity of migration causes, including the challenges to equitable and sustainable development and the adverse effects of conflicts, climate change and natural disasters, as well as the positive dimensions and outcomes of migration, in all their potential.

In particular, as a place of origin, transit and destination of migration flows, Mexico will seek, through the negotiations of the Global Compact of Migration, to underscore the need to safeguard the human rights of migrants at all times, regardless of their migration status, and to recognize the important contribution of migrants in their host countries. This calls for stopping the criminalization of irregular migration, as well as for the elimination of all policies or language that foster intolerance, racism, xenophobia or discrimination against migrants all around the world.

As for the second pillar, our concerted action, Mexico expects the Global Compact to become a fully inclusive global framework for an enhanced international cooperation on migration, built with the participation of all relevant actors and stakeholders from the public and private sectors, and from the academia and the civil society at large. In particular, Mexico will promote that the principle of shared responsibility between the countries of origin, transit and destination is recognized and becomes the basis for international cooperation on migration.