

Global Compact on Migration finalized at the United Nations



United Nations, July 14 (RHC)-- For the first time ever, United Nations Member States have agreed an all-encompassing Global Compact to better manage international migration, address its challenges, strengthen migrant rights and contribute to sustainable development.

After more than a year of discussions and consultations among Member States, local officials, civil society and migrants themselves, the text of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration was finalized on Friday.

In a statement, Secretary-General António Guterres welcomed the agreement, calling it "a significant achievement." He said it reflected "the shared understanding by Governments that cross-border migration is, by its very nature, an international phenomenon and that effective management of this global reality requires international cooperation to enhance its positive impact for all. It also recognizes that every individual has the right to safety, dignity and protection."

"This comprehensive framework comprises a range of objectives, actions and avenues for implementation, follow-up and review," added the UN chief, "all aimed at facilitating safe, orderly and regular migration, while reducing the incidence and impact of irregular migration."

The agreement will be formally adopted by Member States at an Intergovernmental Conference, which will be held in Marrakesh, Morocco, on the 10th and 11th of December.

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