



**19 September 2016 - UN Summit for Refugees and Migrants
Opening Plenary Session**

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Statement on behalf of the Global Migration Group**

Excellencies, Ladies and gentlemen,

It is an honour to address this plenary as the 2016 Chair of the Global Migration Group. 2016 marks the Global Migration Group's tenth anniversary. The group has grown – both in size, with two additional members joining this month, and in the relevance of our work to today's demands.

I am equally pleased that the International Organization for Migration – one of the founding members of the Group – has just joined the UN system as a related organization.

The Global Migration Group stands ready to support Member States within the framework of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

First, in the implementation of existing commitments – including migration-related Sustainable Development Goals and Targets - and those that will be made today in the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants.

And second, in the processes leading to the adoption of a global compact for safe, regular and orderly migration and a global compact on refugees.

The Global Migration Group was pleased to organize five multi-stakeholder meetings in preparation for this Summit, and to contribute to the concept notes for the six roundtables being held today.

Furthermore, Group Members are working closely within the thematic working groups and task forces to develop tools and guidance on many issues covered in the New York Declaration.

These include:

1. A Guidance Note on integrating migration and displacement in United Nations Development Assistance Frameworks;
2. Principles and Guidelines, supported by practical guidance, on the Human Rights protection of migrants in vulnerable situations within large and/or mixed movements;
3. A Handbook for improving the production and use of migration data for development
4. The International Labour Organization's Principles and Operational Guidelines on fair recruitment, and

5. The International Organization for Migration's International Recruitment Integrity System.

These tools will be available on the Group's website once finalized.

Lives of men, women and children depend on actions we are engaged in and those to be undertaken by us all.

Members of the Global Migration Group, both individually and collectively, are committed to supporting Member States in fulfilling the aspirations of the New York Declaration.

The Group's approach to large movements of refugees and migrants is people-centred, human rights-based, and gender-responsive. This includes recognizing the cultural and economic value women and girl migrants contribute to societies, and creating intentional national policies that specifically protect and safeguard their rights, which are often grossly violated.

Thank you.