

# **Joint NGO Oral Statement to be delivered at the 41<sup>st</sup> session of the Human Rights Council**

## **Item 3 – General Debate**

I am honoured to deliver this statement on behalf of over 40 NGOs and networks.

We are deeply concerned by widespread and growing violations of the human rights of migrants and an environment where those who seek to protect them are increasingly criminalized.

The Global Compact for Migration provides technical guidance and a cooperative framework for the implementation of existing legal commitments. It is mobilizing resources to support States in this.

We are asking you to do more and to do better to save lives and uphold human rights. The Compact can help you do this.

Civil Society is already using the Compact at regional and national level, often in partnership with States, for example:

- Civil society in Central America have a pilot programme to find and identify missing migrants supporting States' implementation of Objectives 8 and 9.
- Migrant Forum in Asia has led consultations with governments and other stakeholders throughout Asia.
- Cross-Regional Center for Refugees and Migrants has developed a baseline assessment on the GCM for the MENA region.
- The International Detention Coalition is working with States to develop a cross regional platform on alternatives to child immigration detention in line with Objective 13(h)

We believe these activities can inspire similar measures, but we need all States to create an environment that enables us to do so and we need all States to take leadership on implementation.

The human rights of migrants deserve the acknowledgement, respect, and urgent action of all of us.

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| 1. ACT Alliance  | 11. International Detention Coalition   |
| 2. Alianza Americas  | 12. International Movement Against All<br>Forms of Discrimination and Racism<br>(IMADR) |
| 3. Asylum Access   | 13. Migrant Forum in Asia   |
| 4. Caritas Internationalis                                     | 14. Save the Children   |
| 5. Congregation of Our Lady of Charity<br>of the Good Shepherd | 15. Terre des Hommes International<br>Federation  |
| 6. Congregations of St. Joseph                                 | 16. Translators without Borders   |
| 7. Defence for Children International                          | 17. VIVAT International   |
| 8. International Catholic Migration<br>Commission              | 18. World Organization for Early<br>Childhood Education (OMEP)                          |
| 9. International Commission of Jurists                         |   |
| 10. International Council of Voluntary<br>Associations (ICVA)  |   |

19. Action Secours Ambulance (ASA)
20. Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network (APRRN)
21. Asociación Rumiñahui
22. Bloque latinoamericano y el Caribe sobre Migración
23. Casa Monarca ayuda humanitaria al migrante
24. Center for Migrant Advocacy, Philippines (CMA-Phils)
25. Centro de Atención y Desarrollo Integral Migrante (CADIM Oxnard)
26. Centro de Recursos Centroamericanos Del Norte California (CARECEN)
27. Centro de Atención a la Familia Migrante e Indígena (CAFAMI)
28. Civil Society Action Committee
29. Comisión de Acción Social Menonita (CASM)
30. Destination Unknown Network
31. Estancia del Migrante González y Martínez
32. FM4 - Paso Libre
33. Fundación para la Justicia y el Estado Democrático de Derecho
34. Global Coalition on Migration
35. Institución para las Mujeres en la Migración (IMUMI)
36. Instituto de Estudios y Divulgación sobre Migración (INEDIM)
37. International Presentation Association
38. NGO Coalition on Migration
39. Organismo Cristiano de Desarrollo Integral de Honduras (OCDIH)
40. Pacific Islands Association of Non-Government Organisation (PIANGO)
41. Plateforme des Organisations Nationales et Territoriales (Pont-Sch)
42. Red de Mujeres del Bajío
43. Red Internacional de Migración y Desarrollo
44. Red Jesuita con Migrantes de América Latina y Caribe (RJM-LAC)
45. Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary
46. Solidarity Center
47. The Mixed Migration Centre
48. Women in Migration Network