**United Nations Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families**

CMW General Day Discussion on the International Convergence of the Convention on the Protection of the Rights of all Migrant Workers and Member of their Families (IC) and The Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM)

27 September 2022, 15:00-18:00

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**Concept Note**

**Introduction**

At its thirtieth session in April 2019, the United Nations Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (the Committee) established a working group on the Convention and the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, which was endorsed by the General Assembly on 19 December 2018 in its resolution 73/195 (the Global Compact). Following some preparatory work by the working group, which is coordinated by Mr. Mohamed Charef, the Committee decided to elaborate a new general comment (No. 6) on the convergence of the Convention and the Global Compact at its inter-sessional meeting of 12 November 2020.

The proposal for a general comment on the convergence between the Convention and the Global Compact aims to strengthen the protection of the human rights of all migrants globally. The main goal of general comment No. 6 is to provide authoritative guidance to States parties to the Convention for the implementation of their obligations under the Convention. This general comment will also assist States in implementing their commitments contained in the Global Compact, in particular so as to ensure that they do not fall short of the obligations contained in the Convention and other international human rights instruments for their respective States parties, as well as to assist other stakeholders in their advocacy initiatives in these contexts.

All stakeholders (States, United Nations agencies and entities, national human rights institutions, civil society organizations, academia and others) were invited to provide inputs to this initiative on the basis of a draft outline for the general comment No. 6 that the working group and present members of the Committee have elaborated at its extraordinary meeting in Agadir, Morocco, in May 2022.

**Goals**

The main objective of the General Discussion Day is to analyse together the two international instruments that regulate the issue of migration in the world, with the aim of establishing the convergence that exists between them in order to obtain a complete vision of the protection of the human rights of persons in the context of migration and, at the same time, to offer States a broader panorama of the international commitments in this area.

The specific objectives are the following:

* To link the governance of migration with the protection of human rights.
* To deepen the analysis of the common contents between both international instruments in order to establish their reciprocity, as well as to put into perspective the content gaps that may exist in each international instrument in order to determine their complementarity.
* To analyse the synergies of content that occur between both international instruments in order to achieve a common understanding.
* To reflect on the integration that can occur between the International Convention and the Global Compact implementation process.
* To offer a broader and updated vision to States on international commitments on migration issues.
* To visualize the challenges faced by both international instruments.

**Structure**

The Day of General Discussion is structured in such a way that various specialists on the subject offer an initial reflection on the convergence between the International Convention and the Global Compact. On a later occasion, with the results of this first meeting and during the development of the draft of the General Comment number 6, an exchange of opinions on the various contents of the General Comment will be sought.

Consequently, the General Discussion Day will consist of two panels with initial comments and final conclusions.

The objective of the first panel is to reflect on the synergies between the International Convention and the Global Compact, as well as the challenges that lie ahead.

The second panel will seek to analyse the possible complementarities between the two international instruments in terms of migration governance and a human rights approach.

Between each of the panels there will be a break and at the end there will be a space for general comments from those attending the event.

**What follows**

The working group will then develop a draft of the general comment that will be published on the website of the Committee for comments by stakeholders.