

Language Proposals for the “Format and Organizational Aspects of the International Migration Review Forums”

We offer the below language proposals that have been developed in consultation with a large number of civil society organizations heavily involved in the GCM process and facilitated through the Civil Society Action Committee:

Original Language in Rev 2	Proposed Language	Rationale
<p>1. <i>Decides</i> that the forum</p> <p>c. Shall last for three days;</p>	<p>1. <i>Decides</i> that the forum</p> <p>c. Shall last for four days;</p>	<p>There is no way that the GCM’s 23 objectives can be reasonably covered in sessions in just 2 of the 3 days as proposed later in the draft.</p>
<p>4. Reiterates the importance of the effective participation of all relevant stakeholders in the forum and invites non-governmental organizations that are in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, as well as all stakeholders that were accredited to the preparatory process of the intergovernmental consultations of the Global Compact or that were accredited to participate in the Intergovernmental Conference to adopt the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, and encourages them to register with the Secretariat in order to participate in the forum; (based on 71/280, op6, 6a)</p>	<p>4. Reiterates the importance of a whole of society approach and therefore the effective participation of all relevant stakeholders in the forum and invites non-governmental organizations that are in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, as well as all stakeholders that were accredited to the preparatory process of the intergovernmental consultations of the Global Compact or that were accredited to participate in the Intergovernmental Conference to adopt the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, and encourages them to register with the Secretariat in order to participate in the forum; (based on 71/280, op6, 6a)</p>	<p>Echoes GCM Guiding Principles and strengthens call for whole of society approach in OP 10 below.</p>
<p>8. <i>Encourages</i> Member States to ensure, as appropriate, that the composition of their national delegations is varied and representative, reflecting a whole-of-</p>	<p>8. <i>Encourages</i> Member States to <u>ensure that the composition</u> of their national delegations is varied and representative, reflecting a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach, and includes civil society in its composition</p>	<p><u>Removing as appropriate:</u> a whole of government and whole of society approach are among the guiding principles of the Global Compact (para 15 i and j), their</p>

<p>government and whole-of-society approach</p>		<p>application must always be upheld and not just as appropriate</p> <p><u>Including civil society in national delegations</u>: this has been a practice that some MS have upheld during the consultation and negotiations phase of the GCM, and therefore must be recognized going forward into review. In other processes such as 2030 Agenda MS are also actively encouraged to include CSOs in their national delegations.</p>
<p>10. <i>Invites</i> relevant sub-regional, regional and cross-regional processes, platforms and organizations, including the United Nations Regional Economic Commissions and regional consultative processes on migration, to review the implementation of the Global Compact, within their respective regions, and to contribute to the work of the forum, with the involvement of all relevant stakeholders</p>	<p>10. <i>Invites</i> relevant sub-regional, regional and cross-regional processes, platforms and organizations, including the United Nations Regional Economic Commissions and regional consultative processes on migration, to review the implementation of the Global Compact, within their respective regions, and to contribute to the work of the forum, with the full and equal involvement and participation of all relevant stakeholders in a whole of society approach.</p>	<p>Echoes and strengthens suggested reference on OP 4 above</p>
<p>11. <i>Invites also</i> the Global Forum on Migration and Development, including its business and mayoral mechanisms, to provide a space for informal exchanges on the implementation of the Global Compact, and report the findings, best practices and innovative approaches to the forum; (73/195, para 51)</p>	<p><i>Invites also</i> the Global Forum on Migration and Development, including its civil society, business and mayoral mechanisms, to provide a space for informal exchanges on the implementation of the Global Compact, and report the findings, best practices and innovative approaches to the forum; (73/195, para 51)</p>	<p>The entirety of the GFMD including civil society processes can provide a space for exchanges on implementation</p>

<p>12. <i>Invites further</i> other State-led initiatives on international migration, such as the IOM International Dialogue on Migration, regional consultative processes on migration and others to contribute to the forum by providing relevant data, evidence, best practices, innovative approaches and recommendations as they relate to the implementation of the Global Compact; (73/195, para 52)</p>	<p><i>Invites further</i> other initiatives on international migration, such as the IOM International Dialogue on Migration, regional consultative processes on migration and others to contribute to the forum by providing relevant data, evidence, best practices, innovative approaches and recommendations as they relate to the implementation of the Global Compact; (73/195, para 52)</p>	<p><u>Removing state led</u>: It is important to remove state-led to allow other initiatives that might not be state led to contribute to the forum</p>
<p>14. <i>Requests</i> the Secretary-General, as part of the biennial report preceding each forum, drawing on the network, to provide guidance for the envisaged policy debate during the third day of the forum, and to make the report available at least twelve weeks ahead of the forum;</p>	<p>14. <i>Requests</i> the Secretary-General, as part of the biennial report preceding each forum, drawing on the network, to provide guidance for the roundtable themes and envisaged policy debate during the fourth day of the forum, and to make the report available at least twelve weeks ahead of the forum;</p>	<p>Propose deferring the roundtable themes until closer to each edition of the IMRF to enable them to be responsive to the context they take place in rather than to pre-determine them in 2019 for all forums. The SG’s report, being based on inputs from the UN Network Secretariat and its working groups / work plan, would be the appropriate channel for helping to shape the debate as the topics evolve. In addition, inputs from Regional Review Forums could be pooled by the UN Network into the SG’s report and interact with Voluntary National Reports for the HLPF on the SDGs, to the extent that they address migration. In addition, human rights mechanisms and ILO processes should also provide feedback in the in between years on setting thematic priorities..</p> <p><u>Change third day of the forum to third day of the forum</u>: This change reflects a move from three days of the forum to four, in</p>

		<p>order to give the roundtables more reasonable “space for <i>discussion covering all 23 objectives</i> of the Global Compact <i>with the aim of reviewing the progress made in its implementation at all levels...</i>” (excerpt from the draft # 21a, italics added here for emphasis.)</p>
	<p>14bis <i>Requests</i> the Director General of IOM in his/her role as Coordinator of the network to hold a one-day informal, multi-stakeholder dialogue at UN Headquarters in Geneva on the occasion of the release of each edition of the Secretary-General’s biennial report on the implementation of the Global Compact, with Member States and all relevant stakeholders, and to prepare a summary of each dialogue as an input to the forum, as well as to the Regional Migration Review Forums, and to conclude each dialogue with their summary;</p>	<p>To strengthen a multi-stakeholder discussion of the GCM in Geneva where much of the UN’s migration expertise is based and where most diplomatic missions post their migration experts. This would allow for (1) a more frequent UN-level discussion of GCM implementation progress, and (2) help facilitate an expert-level dialogue on the report to complement political discussions in New York, and would enhance the sharing of perspectives and learning and inform the forum and preparation for it.</p>
<p>15. <i>Requests</i> the President of the General Assembly to organize and to preside over one day of informal interactive multi-stakeholder hearings one day prior to each forum with all relevant stakeholders, as listed in paragraphs 4 to 7, and also requests the President of the General Assembly to invite the representative of civil society to present a summary of the hearings during the opening session of the</p>	<p>15. <i>A self-organized, separate yet adjacent</i> informal interactive multi-stakeholder hearings shall be organized one day prior to each forum with the participation of all relevant stakeholders. A committee will be formed for the purposes of handling the organizational aspects of the hearing, including setting the agenda and the selection of panelists, participants. Self-selected representatives of civil society will be invited to present a summary of the hearings during the opening session of the plenary; and feed into the</p>	<p>It is important to maintain and not regress from existing models for civil society participation and engagement. Separate stakeholder meetings are welcome as long as they do not regress from existing models which have significantly evolved over time as a result of trial and error. For the IMRF separate stakeholder hearing it is important to that this is self-organized, including in agenda setting and participation and that participants in this</p>

<p>plenary; (based on 71/280, op30, 67/219, op11</p>	<p>different thematic sessions. All participants in the informal stakeholder hearing shall be allowed to participate in the IMRF and shall have equal participation rights.</p>	<p>stakeholder hearing have the opportunity to participate and feed into the IMRF both as participants and panelist to ensure continuity among the two processes. Other models where this has happened and that states are familiar with and comfortable with include the GFMD, and the 2013 High Level Dialogue.</p>
<p>17. <i>Requests</i> the Secretary-General to facilitate the participation of representatives of developing countries, including the least developed countries, and other relevant stakeholders, as appropriate, in the work of the forum, and in this regard invites Member States, financial institutions and other organizations to make financial contributions; (based on 67/290, op24)</p>	<p>17. <i>Requests</i> the Secretary-General to facilitate the participation of representatives of developing countries, including the least developed countries, Small Island Developing States (SIDS), and other <u>relevant stakeholders in the work</u> of the forum, and in this regard invites Member States, financial institutions and other organizations to make financial contributions; (based on 67/290, op24)</p>	<p><u>Removing as appropriate:</u> a whole of government and whole of society approach are among the guiding principles of the Global Compact (para 15 i and j), their application must always be upheld and not just as appropriate</p> <p><u>Adding Small Island Developing States:</u> Some SIDS are not noted UN developing countries or UN least developed countries; and this ensures the inclusion of the SIDS who are non-UN Members who are Associate Members of their Regional Commissions.</p>
<p>18 (a) Each forum shall consist of a plenary, and, in parallel to the plenary, (i) four consecutive, interactive multi-stakeholder roundtables during the first two days, and (ii) a session at which the technical summaries of the roundtables will be presented, followed by a policy debate on the third day;</p>	<p>18 (a) Each forum shall consist of a plenary, and, in parallel to the plenary, (i) four consecutive, interactive multi-stakeholder roundtables during the first three days, and (ii) a session at which the technical summaries of the roundtables will be presented, followed by a policy debate on the fourth day;</p>	<p>These changes reflect a move from three days of the forum to four, in order to give the roundtables a more reasonable opportunity to do their work.</p>

<p>18 (d) In the general debate of the plenary, Member States, Observer States, and entities that have observer status with the General Assembly shall deliver their statements. The list of speakers will be determined in accordance with the established practices of the Assembly; (based 70/290, op 1d)</p>	<p>18 (d) In the general debate of the plenary, in the parallel, interactive multi-stakeholder roundtables during the first three days, and in the session at which the technical summaries of the roundtables will be presented, Member States, Observer States, entities that have observer status with the General Assembly, and other participants of the forum shall deliver their statements. The list of speakers will be determined in accordance with the established practices of the Assembly; (based 70/290, op 1d)</p>	<p>It is important that all participants, including civil society and other stakeholders, and not just MS, have speaking roles both in plenary and roundtables.</p>
<p>19. <i>Invites</i> the President of the General Assembly to deliver remarks during the closing session on the third day;</p>	<p>19. Invites the President of the General Assembly and self-selected representatives of civil society and a representative of the migrant community to deliver remarks during the closing session at the end of the fourth day, which will include a summary of the plenary debate, the roundtables, and the policy debate;</p>	<p><u>Adding self-selected representatives of civil society and migrant community:</u> It would be important to ensure that CS and migrant community participation is not merely symbolic – a dedicated role for each in closing and summarizing in the proceedings would achieve that by emphasizing the value of their analysis.</p> <p>It would also strengthen the value of discussions if all aspects of the forum were to be included in the summary, as suggested here.</p> <p><u>Changing closing session from the third day to the fourth day:</u> This change reflects a move from three days of the forum to four.</p>

<p>20. <i>Encourages</i> Member States to present the result of their reviews of progress in implementing the Global Compact, drawing on contributions from all relevant stakeholders, on a voluntary basis, as a part of their national statements;</p>	<p>20. <i>Encourages</i> Member States to prepare Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) and present the result of their reviews of progress in implementing the Global Compact, drawing on contributions from all relevant stakeholders, on a voluntary basis. The UN Network is invited to prepare ahead of time and in consultation with different stakeholders guiding questions which will serve as the basis of review.</p>	<p>States should be invited and encouraged to present Voluntary National Reviews (VNR). This will allow for a more efficient and focused review. Member states undergoing a VNR should submit a report ahead of time that is made publicly available on the IMRF and/ or UN Network’s website. Member States should be encouraged to develop such a report in broad consultation with different stakeholders at the national level, including inputs from civil society organizations, including migrant networks, trade unions and families of migrants. Civil society and other stakeholders should have the opportunity to submit alternative reports which would also be made publicly available, and to present during the official review process. VNRs should be highly interactive, allowing for a presentation from the states under review followed by questions and recommendations from the other member states, civil society and other stakeholders. Guidance for VNRs provided by the UN Network could set targets and indicators as well as draw upon lesson from the UPR, HLPF and ILO Committee on the Application of Standards.</p>
<p>21. <i>Decides</i> that:</p> <p>(a) The four interactive roundtables will offer space for discussion covering all 23 objectives of the Global Compact with the</p>	<p>21. <i>Decides</i> that:</p> <p>(a) Four interactive roundtables will offer space for discussion covering all 23 objectives of the Global Compact with the</p>	<p><u>Removing 21 (b):</u> It is advisable to defer deciding on the themes of the roundtable until implementation has actually begun and to allow the themes to change from one review cycle to another.</p>

<p>aim of reviewing the progress made in its implementation at all levels, bearing in mind that the Global Compact is based on a set of cross-cutting and interdependent guiding principles;</p> <p>(b) All 23 objectives of the Global Compact shall be covered in the following way:</p> <p>(i) Roundtable one: Drivers of migration, pre-departure decision making and increasing certainty and predictability of migration procedures¹;</p> <p>(ii) Roundtable two: Migration movements – the journey, arrival, return and reintegration of migrants²;</p> <p>(iii) Roundtable three: Inclusion of migrants and social cohesion³;</p> <p>(iv) Roundtable four: Impacts of migration in countries of origin, transit and destination, and the need for international cooperation⁴;</p> <p>(c) Each interactive, multi-stakeholder roundtable will be co-chaired by two</p>	<p>aim of reviewing the progress made in its implementation at all levels, bearing in mind that the Global Compact is based on a set of cross-cutting and interdependent guiding principles. Themes for the roundtables will be selected based on outcomes of regional review, submissions made to the UN Network, and the SGs report.</p> <p>(b) Each interactive, multi-stakeholder roundtable will be co-chaired by one Member State and one representative of another stakeholder group, with due regard for migrant and civil society representation, as well as geographical and gender balance; to be appointed by the President of the General Assembly, with due regard for geographical and gender balance, in consultation with regional groups; (based on 67/219, op 3(d))</p> <p>(c) Adequate space will be reserved during each roundtable for participation of non-governmental stakeholders and representatives of local authorities, as well as of regional processes, platforms and organizations, and all relevant stakeholders; (based on 70/290, op1(h))</p> <p>(d) Each roundtable may include a keynote speaker to guide the interactive debate;</p>	<p>Outcomes of regional review should feed into the selection of roundtable themes, and so should the submissions made to the IMRF through the UN network and the SGs report.</p>
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¹ Roundtable I: Indicative list of objectives to be included; 2,5,6,12,18

² Roundtable II: Indicative list of objectives to be included; 4, 8,9, 10, 11, 13, 21

³ Roundtable III: Indicative list of objectives to be included; 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 22

⁴ Roundtable IV: Indicative list of objectives to be included; 1, 3, 7, 17, 23

<p>Member State representatives, to be appointed by the President of the General Assembly, with due regard for geographical and gender balance, in consultation with regional groups; (based on 67/219, op 3(d))</p> <p>(d) Adequate space should be reserved during each roundtable for participation of non-governmental stakeholders and representatives of local authorities, as well as of regional processes, platforms and organizations; (based on 70/290, op1(h))</p> <p>(e) Each roundtable may include a keynote speaker to guide the interactive debate;</p> <p>(f) Each roundtable shall result in a technical summary prepared by the co-chairs;</p>	<p>(f) Each roundtable shall result in a technical summary prepared by the co-chairs;</p>	
<p>23. <i>Decides that:</i></p> <p>(a) On the morning of the third day, in the session parallel to the plenary, the co-chairs of the roundtables will present the technical summaries;</p> <p>(b) On the afternoon of the third day, in the session parallel to the plenary, the Director General of the IOM...</p>	<p>23. <i>Decides that:</i></p> <p>(a) On the morning of the fourth day, in the session parallel to the plenary, the co-chairs of the roundtables will present the technical summaries;</p> <p>(b) On the afternoon of the fourth day, in the session parallel to the plenary, the Director General of the IOM...</p>	<p>This change reflects a move from three days of the forum to four.</p>