

Good morning government representatives and civil society.

I'm glad to be here today to speak as the voice of a delegation of youth from all over the world.

We met two weeks ago at the Global Conference on Children on the Move in Berlin.

All of us have personal experience as a migrant or as a refugee.

Together, we came up with recommendations for decision makers, including governments, in the hope that children and youth on the move will be guaranteed the rights to which they are entitled.

Children on the move are vulnerable and at a high risk of being exploited.

When I was five years old, I was living in a tent in a refugee camp for an entire year. I felt insecure because I had to share the tent with complete strangers. I had no privacy, not even when I changed clothes.

I'm not alone: Over 50 million children in the world are migrants ...

Just think how many children those are.

I have good news for you though! Do you remember the Convention on the Rights of the Child? Almost all states have agreed to it.

Children on the move are children first of all. They have the same rights – wherever they are and regardless of the reason.

From our Global Conference we have identified **six key demands** for children on the move:

Ensure that **no child** is **discriminated** against.

Ensure that the **best interest** of the child is **assessed** and **guaranteed**.

Ensure that every child is **protected** from violence, abuse and exploitation.

Ensure that no child is **detained** for immigration purposes.

Ensure that every child has access to services, especially education and health care.

ENSURE that children's voices are **heard** and **taken seriously**.

Now... let's start with me, right here, right in this panel:

Hear my voice – as I speak on behalf of a large network of young migrants and refugees – and take our message seriously.

I have **one important message** to end on today: We believe that the Global Compacts can only be complete if **child rights** are at the heart.

Thank you.