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Reporting Template for Framing Sessions A, B and C

Reporting template 2017 Common Space Framing Sessions	
Framing Session theme:	Framing Session A: What does “Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration” mean in contexts of children on the move, migrants in other vulnerable situations, xenophobia and return and reintegration
<p>1. How do the panelists define “safe, orderly and regular migration” in the context of this session’s specific focus, and is there a shared understanding of these terms?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Particular <u>resource</u>: how do the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the New York Declaration express shared understandings of <u>relevant rights, commitments and possibilities</u>? 	
<p>The panellists largely focused on the particular vulnerable situation of children in the absence of “safe, orderly and regular migration”. Participants spoke to the particular situation of children but also to a broad concept of safe, orderly and regular that would be applicable for children and all other sectors in vulnerable situations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For children, whether alone or accompanied by family, policies and practice towards their best interests includes being able to be with their families; to not being detained; to having access to education, health care and other services, justice and happiness. We don’t want a lost generation! Women are placed in vulnerable situations, and citing Louise Arbour, compact should address their best interests in the way women define those interests. End discriminatory gender-based barriers for safe migration. Social protections and insurance should be provided without discrimination, particularly important for migrant workers, regardless of status. Safe, orderly and regular should not include securitization of borders Irregular migration cannot be treated as policy. Regular migration must include access to various legal mechanisms including visas, transit permits, entry permits, integration and ability to work. Regularization is needed; the Compact cannot become an agreement for deportations. If returns are not voluntary, they are deportations. Firewalls are needed between the provision of supports, services, rights and immigration enforcement. States need to revise legal frameworks and not cater to negative aspects of migration 	
<p>2. If your session could choose <u>one key message</u> to be conveyed in the plenary by the Grand Rapporteur, what would it be?</p>	
<p>The Compact must provide for the human rights of all people in migration, children and others in vulnerable situations. Safe, orderly and regular is a holistic concept that includes access to rights, services, family unity, work. The Compact cannot be a vehicle for forced returns or deportations.</p>	
<p>3. Additional comments, e.g. particular challenges or highlights worth mentioning [optional]</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Global compact can only be complete if child interests are at the heart Racism and xenophobia must be addressed these are further forms of violence. Rejection of migrants is wrong. Root causes must be addressed; poverty is a root cause and is also a form of violence. 	

- We need to promote peaceful settlement of disputes

4. Inspirational quotes? [optional]

- We are having a battle of values; if we lose our values, we lose the battle.
 - We can't just talk, talk talk and do nothing.
- We all have our vulnerabilities. Precariousness is constructed; undocumented migrants are placed in precarious situations; we can do something about it.