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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 B: What does “Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration” mean in contexts of people moving across borders for work?
<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>? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safe: Physical and mental safety, in the workplace and beyond. Safety also mean freedom from exploitation and trafficking and requires cooperation across borders and sectors. Regular: In the context of labor, pathways should meet labor market needs while maintaining standards, and promote fair recruitment practices, including an end to fees to workers and tied visa programs. States must also develop pathways for undocumented migrants to gain status, live without fear, and contribute meaningfully to their communities. Orderly: Means predictable and human—mechanisms should be developed in consultation with business, labor, and civil society and adhere to the UN normative framework. Decent work commitments in SDGs must apply to global compact provisions on labor migration. The same spirit of cooperation and action in the SDGs must also apply to implementing the compact in a way that protects migrant and empowers workers, adheres to the UN normative framework and ILO standards, and contributes to development. 	
<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 formula of “safe” + “orderly” + “regular” generally means legal pathways, and will likely apply most to those migrating for work. But we must expand on this to mean that the compact offers pathways that adhere to the UN normative framework, are facilitated by fair recruitment practices, and are also offered to those currently in destination countries without documents. The compact should drive political will to establish these pathways and establish review and accountability mechanisms.</p>	
<p>3. Additional comments, e.g. particular challenges or highlights worth mentioning <i>[optional]</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Equality: We cannot accept the institutionalization of different levels of rights for migrants and nationals. There must be equality of rights in order to avoid segregated societies. Different levels of rights create divided societies and exacerbates xenophobia. UN guiding principles: Government has a role to play maintaining standards and clear policies. Businesses do not want to be exposed to abuse in their supply chains. Business also have obligation for due diligence. Demand for migrant labor is ongoing: Private and public sector have HR needs. Channels should be dynamic. Need for “regular and sustainable migration for decent work”: To avoid social dumping, meet labor market needs while maintaining standards, and promote fair recruitment practices. 	

- Fair recruitment: End tied visa programs and allow for labor market mobility. Ban fees to workers.
- Regularization: In addition to regular pathways, must create path for those without status working in destination countries.
- Cooperation: We all have responsibility for safety of migrants—CSOs, governments, and business. Different actors play a role in making the system a success.
- Firewall: Need separation between immigration enforcement and labor enforcement/ public services. Also must build on this by creating safe grievance mechanisms.
- Monitoring and Accountability: The compact should have a review mechanism to hold states to task for existing normative rights framework.
- Implementation: We have the normative framework and the compact itself should be a mechanism for building the political will to make it real.

4. Inspirational quotes? [optional]

There are no multiple levels of rights