

Follow-up and implementation session

Intervention by the United Arab Emirates

Yesterday at the breakout session on Global Dimensions, a number of Member States expressed the view that caution needs to be exercised in defining commitments made by Member States, and the role of an eventual follow up and review mechanism for the GCM, as a non-binding international compact.

It was noted that commitments made by Member States must be seen as voluntary, and their implementation will be strictly on a voluntary and collaborative basis.

It follows that the function of any follow up and review mechanism is not to monitor compliance, but rather to review progress, to offer assistance to implementing member states upon request, and to disseminate and share best practices with a view to maximizing their benefits at the regional, inter-regional and global levels.

The UAE aligns itself with this interpretation. The UAE further believes that the IOM, as the lead UN agency on international migration, is uniquely suited and qualified to serve as the secretariat for such a follow up and review mechanism.

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