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 Thank you chair. I am intervening on behalf of UN Women, and other GMG members namely OHCHR, DESA, FAO, ODC and UNIDO

The Global Compact should establish practical, participatory, and effective mechanisms to support periodic reviews of progress of its implementation.

It will be especially important to establish or strengthen independent internal and external mechanisms to monitor the human rights and gender impact of all measures relevant to migration and migrants.

Robust mechanisms to support implementation, follow-up and review under the auspices of the United Nations include the participation of all relevant stakeholders including migrants themselves and migrant-led organizations as well as the range of relevant UN entities. Such mechanisms will require the participation of civil society, parliaments, national human rights institutions and international human rights mechanisms, national gender equality mechanisms, the private sector, and other actors.

This would imply tapping into existing intergovernmental bodies of the United Nations. In the General Assembly, that could be the periodic High-level Dialogues on International Migration and Development. The High Level Political Forum could review migration and related issues in the context of the SDGs — in particular, SDGs 8 and 10. More technical reviews could take place within the ECOSOC system, for example, through its functional commissions.

The linkages between the Global Compact and the 2030 Agenda must be harnessed, to build synergies and promote innovative and transformative solutions.

A whole-of-government, whole-of-society and whole-of-UN system approach must be a central tenet of the Compact. Success in follow-up will require the strengthening of capacity on human rights based and gender-responsive policies and practices for all stakeholders, including institutional coordination mechanisms and capacity to collect, analyze and use data disaggregated by sex, age and migration status.

The Global Migration Group stands ready to support you and all Member States.