

Thank you co-chair

Thanks to all the panelists for their valuable contributions towards the Global Compact for Migration. Thanks also to the moderators for their work, and in particular to those who contributed to the issue brief that we had before us.

[Our interventions will be submitted in writing, so we will not repeat them now.] We would like to make a few suggestions and recommendations based on all the good reflections put forward over the last two days.

First, when addressing the drivers of migrations, we need to take into account all of them, not only a select few. Development, conflict and climate were widely discussed, for good reasons. But there are other drivers that we also want to see in the summary from this meeting, like good governance. And we would also express our support to those delegations who raised the issue of accountability and impunity.

Second, for this process to be successful, we must ensure a much broader participation in the consultations. In particular, we would have liked to hear more voices from Africa and the Middle East.

Third, we note that para 20 of the New York declaration states that: “there is a need for reflection on effective strategies to ensure adequate protection and assistance

for internally displaced persons and to prevent and reduce such displacement”.

We are of the opinion that a *more comprehensive understanding of the factors that push IDPs across borders, as refugees or migrants, is required and that this should be included in the summary report.*

Fourth, we were encouraged by the mentioning of the Nansen Initiative and its follow up - the Platform for Disaster Displacement - by such a large number of states. We believe this serves as an example of the eagerness of member states to have a practical approach to the Global Compact for Migration.

Fifth, we very much welcome the fact that in these thematic consultations, many member states have been referring to regional migration mechanisms. We believe that the process towards a global compact will benefit from the experiences we have with existing regional instruments.

Finally, on the process, we would ask the co/facilitators and the SRSGs office to consider inviting all member states to respond more directly to the recommendations put forward in the issue briefs. We believe this could give a more fruitful discussion on how we all can better handle migration in an operational way.