



September 12, 2017

Honorable Ms. Louise Arbour  
Special Representative to the Secretary-General for International Migration  
United Nations, New York

Dear Ms. Arbour,

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute input for the preparation of your input to the zero draft of the Global Compact on Migration and the intergovernmental negotiations.

On behalf of the NGO Committee on Migration, I am pleased to share with you that our committee, as a founding member of the Core Group of civil society's International Steering Committee for the Global Forum on Migration and Development, has actively worked on and strongly supports the consolidated draft of civil society priorities for the Global Compact that is being sent separately to your office today. The consolidated draft includes the inputs you requested on Compact structure and elements, actionable commitments, means of implementation and a framework for the follow-up and review of implementation. Our committee is glad that civil society globally is emphatically carrying, among others, the top priorities that we have focused on these past few years, specifically:

1. Protection and assistance for migrants in vulnerable situations, particularly women and children (a Committee priority since the 2006 UN High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development)
2. Climate-induced displacement
3. Countering xenophobia and promoting social inclusion

In addition, for your convenience, I have attached to the covering e-mail the responses that our committee wrote and provided to your office and to the Permanent Missions on each of the Issue Briefs for the five thematic consultations thus far. We look forward to receiving Issue Brief #6 and to responding in a similar way before the final thematic session.

Finally, I wish to share that our committee is determined to take these priorities forward in advocacy directly with governments both at the United Nations and in capitals. Here in New York, members of our NGO Committee on Migration have had meetings on the Global Compact with 17 of the permanent missions since April, and with several more than once.

Cordially yours,

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The mission of the NGO Committee on Migration is to advocate on behalf of the human rights of migrants in accordance with the United Nations Charter. Together with the International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC) and

the International Council of Voluntary Associations (ICVA), the NGO Committee on Migration is one of the three conveners of the global Civil Society Action Committee, which galvanizes civil society thinking, strategies and advocacy worldwide to achieve commitments of the UN High Level Summit for Refugees and Migrants in 2016.

Attachments:

CoM Response to GCM Brief #1: 30 April 2017

CoM Response to GCM Brief #2: 17 May 2017

CoM Response to GCM Brief #3: 12 June 2017

CoM Response to GCM Brief #4: 19 July 2017

CoM Response to GCM Brief #5: 25 August 2017