



RESPONSE TO THE SRSG'S ISSUE BRIEF #1
Human rights of all migrants, social inclusion, cohesion and all forms of discrimination,
including racism, xenophobia, and intolerance

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The NGO Committee on Migration calls on States to endorse and urgently implement the ten action commitments spelled out in the SRSG's Issue Brief #1 on the human rights of all migrants, social inclusion, cohesion, and all forms of discrimination, including racism, xenophobia, and intolerance.

We particularly stress the obligation of States to ensure human rights protection and assistance for all migrants in vulnerable situations, especially women at risk and children, as called for in paragraphs 10, 23, and 52 of the New York Declaration (NYD) and reiterated in commitments 9 and 10 of the Issues Brief.

All procedures at borders must be human rights based. Border governance measures aimed at addressing irregular migration and transnational organized crime (migrant smuggling and trafficking in persons) must respect, protect, and fulfill all human rights and be in accordance with the principle of non-refoulement. All migrants have the right to due process, regardless of status.

We recommend that on page 1, second paragraph, the language read as follows:

"A global compact which is above all people-centered, human rights-based, and gender **and age-responsive** would ensure both social inclusion and alignment with the overarching aim of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development to "leave no one behind"....

We urge that on page 1, third paragraph, the language read as follows:

"Member States have a wide range of obligations arising from all core human rights instruments **and from the international jurisprudence on human rights** to promote, protect and fulfill the human rights of all individuals within their territory...

We advocate for commitment 5 on page 7, to read as follows:

"Ensure that no child in the context of migration is left behind in timely assessing quality education **including early childhood development (paragraph 82 NYD)**.

We recommend that commitment 7 on page 7, read as follows:

"Commit to establishing partnerships with political leaders and parties, media, **civil society**, private sector, local communities, trade unions and other public actors, to promote tolerance, and respect for all migrants, regardless of their status."