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Thank you, co-facilitators, for this opportunity to talk at this more informal meeting. We are grateful as CSO without ECOSOC status to have the chance to contribute to the consultation process. From yesterday’s consultation where we could provide a more detailed contribution I like to wrap up four impressions and remarks:

1. We want to challenge the call for a non binding character of the future Global Compact. We have enough voluntary guidelines and non- binding instrument especially in the field of human rights based issues. We need more binding instruments for holding states accountable for their governance in order to improve the protection of all citizens.

2. We appreciate the increasing reference to the importance of labour inspection. Especially the Norwegian intervention yesterday is appreciated and we call on the UN to take this up in the Global Compact.

3. It is encouraging to hear that Civil Society is considered as important partner and advisor for drafting and implementing the compact. Therefore we appreciate also that the ILC will refer to social dialogue in their next session in June 2018. Although in reference to my first point, the call on civil society should not be a transfer of responsibility for implementing and enforcing the Compact.

4. We want to stress and underline the importance of the human rights based approach of the Compact. We urge you to keep it up. Therefore we plea that regularisation of the status of all migrants and the issue of family unification e.g. are logical consequences of this approach.