

Joint NGO Oral Statement to be delivered at the 41st session of the Human Rights Council

Item 3 – General Debate

I am honoured to deliver this statement on behalf of over 40 NGOs and networks.

We are deeply concerned by widespread and growing violations of the human rights of migrants and an environment where those who seek to protect them are increasingly criminalized.

The Global Compact for Migration provides technical guidance and a cooperative framework for the implementation of existing legal commitments. It is mobilizing resources to support States in this.

We are asking you to do more and to do better to save lives and uphold human rights. The Compact can help you do this.

Civil Society is already using the Compact at regional and national level, often in partnership with States, for example:

- Civil society in Central America have a pilot programme to find and identify missing migrants supporting States' implementation of Objectives 8 and 9.
- Migrant Forum in Asia has led consultations with governments and other stakeholders throughout Asia.
- Cross-Regional Center for Refugees and Migrants has developed a baseline assessment on the GCM for the MENA region.
- The International Detention Coalition is working with States to develop a cross regional platform on alternatives to child immigration detention in line with Objective 13(h)

We believe these activities can inspire similar measures, but we need all States to create an environment that enables us to do so and we need all States to take leadership on implementation.

The human rights of migrants deserve the acknowledgement, respect, and urgent action of all of us.

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Delivered by the International Catholic Migration Commission, this statement is co-sponsored by the following ECOSOC accredited NGOs:

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| 1. ACT Alliance | 11. International Detention Coalition |
| 2. Alianza Americas | 12. International Movement Against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism (IMADR) |
| 3. Asylum Access | 13. Migrant Forum in Asia |
| 4. Caritas Internationalis | 14. Save the Children |
| 5. Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd | 15. Terre des Hommes International Federation |
| 6. Congregations of St. Joseph | 16. Translators without Borders |
| 7. Defence for Children International | 17. Vivat International |
| 8. International Catholic Migration Commission | 18. World Organization for Early Childhood Education (OMEP) |
| 9. International Commission of Jurists | |
| 10. International Council of Voluntary Associations (ICVA) | |

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1. Action Secours Ambulance (ASA)
2. Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network (APRRN)
3. Asociación Rumiñahui
4. Bloque latinoamericano y el Caribe sobre Migración
5. Casa Monarca ayuda humanitaria al migrante
6. Center for Migrant Advocacy, Philippines (CMA-Phils)
7. Centro de Atención y Desarrollo Integral Migrante (CADIM Oxnard)
8. Centro de Recursos Centroamericanos Del Norte California (CARECEN)
9. Centro de Atención a la Familia Migrante e Indígena (CAFAMI)
10. Civil Society Action Committee
11. Comisión de Acción Social Menonita (CASM)
12. Destination Unknown Network
13. Estancia del Migrante González y Martínez
14. FM4 - Paso Libre
15. Fundación para la Justicia y el Estado Democrático de Derecho
16. Global Coalition on Migration
17. Institución para las Mujeres en la Migración (IMUMI)
18. Instituto de Estudios y Divulgación sobre Migración (INEDIM)
19. International Presentation Association
20. NGO Coalition on Migration
21. Organismo Cristiano de Desarrollo Integral de Honduras (OCDIH)
22. Pacific Islands Association of Non-Government Organisation (PIANGO)
23. Plateforme des Organisations Nationales et Territoriales (Pont-Sch)
24. Red de Mujeres del Bajío
25. Red Internacional de Migración y Desarrollo
26. Red Jesuita con Migrantes de América Latina y Caribe (RJM-LAC)
27. Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary
28. Solidarity Centre
29. The Mixed Migration Centre
30. Women in Migration Network