

Summary of official meetings

Monday, 10 December 2018

General Assembly

Intergovernmental Conference to Adopt the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration

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1st plenary meeting

Opening of the Conference [item 1]

The Secretary-General of the United Nations declared open the Intergovernmental Conference to Adopt the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, in his capacity as temporary President in accordance with rule 17 of the provisional rules of procedure.

Election of the President [item 2]

The Conference elected, by acclamation, His Excellency Nasser Bourita, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Morocco, as President of the Conference.

Opening statements

The Conference heard statements by His Excellency Nasser Bourita, as President of the Conference; His Excellency António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations; Her Excellency María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés, President of the seventy-third session of the General Assembly; Ms. Cheryl Perera, Founder of OneChild, as the representative from the migrant community; and Mr. Erol Kiresepi, Chief Executive Officer of Santa Farma Pharmaceuticals, as the representative from the private sector.

Adoption of the rules of procedure [item 3]

The Conference adopted its rules of procedure, as contained in document [A/CONF.231/2](#).

The Conference thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 3.

Adoption of the agenda of the Conference [item 4]

The Conference adopted its agenda, as contained in document [A/CONF.231/1](#).

The Conference thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 4.

Election of officers other than the Presidents [item 5]

Pursuant to rule 6 of its rules of procedure, the Conference elected, by acclamation, the following States as Vice-Presidents of the Conference:

African States: Gabon and Nigeria;

Asia-Pacific States: Bangladesh, Indonesia and the Philippines;

Latin American and Caribbean States: Ecuador and Guyana.

The Conference was informed that the election of the remaining Vice-Presidents from the Eastern European States, the Latin American and Caribbean States and the Western European and Other States, would take place as soon as the candidatures were communicated.

His Excellency Winston Felix (Guyana) was elected, by acclamation, as Rapporteur-General of the Conference.

The Conference thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 5.

Statement by the host country

On the proposal of its President, the Conference decided to hear an address by His Excellency Saad-Eddine El Othmani, Head of Government of the Kingdom of Morocco, in which he delivered a message from His Majesty Mohammed VI, King of Morocco, on behalf of the host country.

Outcome of the Conference (A/CONF.231/L.1 and A/CONF.231/3) [item 10]

The Conference adopted draft resolution [A/CONF.231/L.1](#), thereby adopting the “Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration” contained in document [A/CONF.231/3](#).

The Conference thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 10.

Organization of work, including the establishment of subsidiary bodies, and other organizational matters [item 6]

The Conference approved its organization of work, as contained in document [A/CONF.231/4](#).

The Conference thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 6.

Credentials of representatives to the Conference: Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee [item 7 (a)]

The Conference, in accordance with rule 4 of its rules of procedure, appointed the following States as members of the Credentials Committee: the Bahamas, China, Finland, France, Ghana, Jamaica, Japan, the Russian Federation, and Sierra Leone.

The Conference thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 7.

General debate [item 8]

The Conference began the general debate under agenda item 8.

The Conference heard addresses by His Excellency Juan Carlos Varela Rodríguez, President of the Republic of Panama; His Excellency Ilir Meta, President of the Republic of Albania; His Excellency Azali Assoumani, President of the Union of the Comoros; His Excellency Julius Maada Bio, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone; His Excellency Jose Mario Vaz, President of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau; Her Excellency Angela Merkel, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany; His Excellency António Luís Santos Da Costa, Prime Minister of the Portuguese Republic; His Excellency Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Eswatini; His Eminence Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Secretary of State of the Holy See; His Excellency Pedro Sánchez Pérez-Castejón, President of the Government of the Kingdom of Spain; His Excellency Alexis Tsipras, Prime Minister of the Hellenic Republic; His Excellency Charles Michel, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Belgium; and His Excellency Lars Løkke Rasmussen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Denmark.

The Conference heard statements by His Excellency Süleyman Soyulu, Minister of Interior of Turkey; His Excellency Patrice Cellario, Minister of Interior of Monaco; His Excellency Gokarna Raj Bista, Minister for Labor, Employment and Social Security of Nepal; His Excellency Nasser Thani AlHamli, Minister of Human Resources and Emiratisation of the United Arab Emirates; His Excellency Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship of Canada; His Excellency Dimitris Avramopoulos, Commissioner for Migration, Home Affairs and Citizenship of the

European Union and His Excellency Teodoro Locsin, Secretary for Foreign Affairs of the Philippines.

The Committee also heard a statement by His Excellency Moussa Faki Mahamat, Chairperson of the African Union Commission.

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2nd plenary meeting

General debate [item 8] (*continued*)

The Conference continued its consideration of agenda item 8.

The Conference heard statements by Her Excellency Retno Lestari Priansari Marsudi, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Indonesia; Her Excellency Sandra Erica Jovel Polanco, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Guatemala; His Excellency Basilio Monteiro, Minister of Interior of Mozambique; Her Excellency Heléne, Fritzon, Minister for Migration and Deputy Minister for Justice of Sweden; His Excellency Carlos Holmes Trujillo García, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Colombia; His Excellency Rimbink Pato, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of Papua New Guinea; His Excellency Stephen Kampyongo, Minister of Home Affairs of Zambia; His Excellency Gebran Bassil, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Emigrants of Lebanon; His Excellency Nicola Renzi, Minister for Foreign and Political Affairs and Justice of San Marino; His Excellency Richard Sezibera, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Rwanda; His Excellency Kai Mykkänen, Minister of the Interior of Finland; His Excellency Jean Asselborn, Minister for Foreign and European Affairs and Minister of Immigration and Asylum of Luxembourg; His Excellency Charles Flanagan, Minister for Justice and Equality of Ireland; Her Excellency María Dolores Agüero Lara, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Honduras; His Excellency Yousuf Mohammed Fakhroo, Minister of Administrative Development, Labour and Social Affairs of Qatar; His Excellency Marcelo Ebrard Casaubón, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mexico; His Excellency Fernando Elíseo Freire, Minister of State, Parliamentary Affairs and the Presidency of the Council of Ministers of Cabo Verde; His Excellency Carmelo Abela, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade Promotion of Malta; His Excellency Ally Coulibaly, Minister of African Integration and Ivorians Abroad of Côte D'Ivoire; Mr. Alistair Burt, Minister of State for International Development of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; His Excellency Tiendrebeogo Paul Robert, Minister of Integration and Burkinabe Abroad of Burkina Faso; His Excellency Davor Božinović, Minister of Interior of Croatia, and His Excellency Elimutis Misiūnas, Minister of Interior of Lithuania.

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3rd plenary meeting

General debate [item 8] (*continued*)

The Conference continued its consideration of agenda item 8.

The Conference heard statements by His Excellency Bazoum Mohamed, Minister of State and Interior of the Niger; His Excellency Luis Alberto Castiglioni, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Paraguay; His Excellency Carlos Castaneda, Minister for Foreign Affairs of El Salvador; His Excellency Ézéchiél Nibigira, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Burundi; His Excellency Winston Felix, Minister of Citizenship, Ministry of the Presidency of Guyana; His Excellency Siyabonga Cyprian

Cwele, Minister of Home Affairs of South Africa; His Excellency Mevludin Nuhodžić, Minister of Interior of Montenegro; His Excellency Abubakar Malami, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Nigeria; His Excellency Mark Harbers, Minister for Migration in the Ministry of Justice and Security of the Netherlands; His Excellency Jorge Arreaza, Minister of People's Power for Foreign Affairs of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela; His Excellency Radhouane Ayara, Minister of Migration and Tunisians Abroad of Tunisia; His Excellency Aloysio Nunes, Minister for External Relations of Brazil; and His Excellency Bocchit Edmond, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Worship of Haiti.

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4th plenary meeting

General debate [item 8] (continued)

The Conference continued its consideration of agenda item 8.

The Conference heard statements by His Excellency Hermangild Francis, Minister of Home Affairs, Justice and National Security of Saint Lucia; His Excellency Zoran Djordjevic, Minister of Labour, Employment, Veteran and Social Affairs of Serbia; His Excellency Mamadi Toure, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Guineans Living Abroad of Guinea; His Excellency Sidiki Kaba, Minister of Culture of Senegal; Her Excellency Sekai Irene Nzenza, Minister of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare of Zimbabwe; His Excellency Hassan Omar Mohamed Bourhan, Minister for Interior of Djibouti; His Excellency Simeon Oyono Esono Angue, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Equatorial Guinea; Her Excellency Kamissa Camara, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Mali; His Excellency Faizel Mohamed Noersalim, Minister of Home Affairs of Suriname; His Excellency Noureddine Bedoui, Minister of Interior and Local Governments of Algeria; His Excellency Emmanuel Fabiano, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Malawi; Ms. Khamphao Erethavanh, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic; Mr. Md. Shahidul Haque, Foreign Secretary of Bangladesh; Mr. Adoum Gargoum, Minister Delegate to the Minister of External Relations in -charge of Islamic Cooperation of Cameroon; Mr. Patrick Ole Ntutu, Chief Administrative Secretary, Ministry of Interior and Coordination of Kenya; and Mr. Osama Faisal Alsayad Ali, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Sudan.

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Dialogue 1

Promoting action on the commitments of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration

The Co-Chair of Dialogue 1, His Excellency M. Negash Kebret Batora, Permanent Representative of Ethiopia to the United Nations in Geneva opened the dialogue and made a statement. The dialogue was co-chaired by His Excellency Mehmet Samsar, Ambassador and Director General of Consular Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkey. Introductory remarks on behalf of the Co-Chair (Turkey) were delivered by His Excellency Ahmat Aydin Dogan, Ambassador of Turkey to Morocco.

Ms. Madeleine Albright, Chair of the Albright Stonebridge Consulting Group, delivered a keynote address.

The following panelists made presentations: Mr. Stefano Scarpetta, Director for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs at the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, Ms. Tendayi Achiume, Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and Mr. David Fine, Global Head of McKinsey's Public and Social Sector Practice.

An interactive discussion ensued, during which statements were made by the representatives of the Congo, the Philippines, Panama, China, Belarus, Thailand, Nigeria, Germany, Russian Federation, Holy see, France, Peru, Ethiopia, Nepal, Timor-Leste, Finland, European Union, Morocco, Turkey, Libya, Mali, the United Kingdom, Equatorial Guinea, Niger, Sudan, Eritrea and Cameroon.

Statements were made by the representatives of the following intergovernmental organizations and other entities; International Labor Organization, League of Arab States, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Council of Europe and Sovereign Order of Malta.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the following specialized agencies, funds and programmes and United Nations system entities: Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, UN-Women and Food and Agriculture Organization.

The United Nations Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants made a statement.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the following non-governmental organizations and other relevant actors: United Cities and Local Governments, International Catholic Migration Commission, Mary Robinson Foundation-Climate Justice, German Institute for Human Rights, Africa-Europe Diaspora Development Platform, Scalabrini International Migration Network, Open Society Foundations, Center for Global Development, AFFORD UK, Cross-Regional Center for Refugees and Migrants, Terre des Hommes, Soul Sustainable Progress and Medical Students Association.

The keynote speaker and panelists responded to comments made and questions raised during the interactive discussion.

The Co-Chair (Turkey), delivered closing remarks and declared Dialogue 1 on "Promoting action on the commitments of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration" closed.
