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The Women in Migration Network has played an active role in preparations for the IMRF, from participation in Regional Reviews and the Gender workstream of the UN Network, to a role in Progress Declaration negotiations, to a strong presence at the IMRF in New York. Like many, we see the IMRF not as an end, but as a step towards deepened Member State commitment to gender-responsive implementation of the Global Compact. This entails tangible steps to apply the gender-responsive guiding principle to *all* objectives in the Global Compact, not merely mentioning women here and there.

WIMN affirms the 360-degree approach of the Global Compact, which envisions a strong role for civil society and affirms the people-centered nature of migration policy. This has enabled WIMN to engage with member states and the UN System to advance concerns related to women in migration. This includes our input to UN Women's Policies and Practices Guide and our partnership with the Gender & Migration Hub of Wilfred Laurier University –supported by Canada– both of which offer tools for States to develop gender-responsive migration policy, as well as our contributions to the UN Network's Anti-Discrimination and COVID-19 Advocacy Tool.

That said, it is the responsibility of States to take steps to respect, protect and fulfill human rights obligations and international labor standards as they implement migration policy, including through the Global Compact for Migration.

As follow up to the IMRF, WIMN pledges to:

- Center the voices and experiences of migrant women in policy deliberations at the regional and global levels. Create space for migrant women to assess national migration policies, exploring "*who benefits?"* and "*who is marginalized or hurt*?" Gather the knowledge and priorities of migrant women in all their diversity as part of gendered migration data collection.
- Work with states and the UN System to approach "gender-responsive" policy in a holistic way that recognizes migrant women's agency and leadership, avoids tokenization or victimization, and addresses women's concerns including climate change, labor rights, regular pathways, the need for regularization and access to services, and a shift from criminalization and enforcement to human rights-centered policy focus.
- Work with the Gender & Migration Hub to review national GCM implementation, monitoring and evaluation frameworks with a gender lens and support knowledge-sharing and capacity-building on gender and migration as resources allow.
- Continue to work with the UN Network on Migration to prioritize intersectional gender perspectives in program priorities. Advocate for a strong gender indicator for GCM implementation, and the institutionalization and funding of a Gender Rapporteur at all regional and global GCM-related processes.