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**Joint statement on the Global Compact
for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration**

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I have the honour to deliver this joint statement on behalf of 53 countries. Migration has always been part of the human experience. People have migrated since the earliest times and will continue to migrate in the future. Today, there are 280 million international migrants, who represent 3.4% of the world's population and generate nearly 9% of global GDP.

Migration carries complex challenges that require greater international cooperation. Migration is an engine of prosperity, innovation and sustainable development and, when well-managed, it is a transformative force for countries of origin and destination, and for migrants themselves.

We welcome the final text of the Global Compact for Migration, which marked the end of two years of intense consultations and negotiations.

The Global Compact presents a balanced, principled and human rights-based instrument that provides an opportunity to address the challenges of contemporary migration in all its dimensions, through a 360º vision. It aims to facilitate safe, orderly and regular migration, while reducing the negative impacts of unsafe, disorderly and irregular migration. It is not only a human rights instrument, but also one that paves the road to achieve a true global governance of migration.

As the first ever intergovernmental global framework for cooperation on migration, it is a historic achievement and a triumph of multilateralism. We look forward to the intergovernmental conference in Marrakesh, Morocco, next December, on the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, where formal adoption of the Global Compact will occur.

We call on all Member States to implement this cooperative framework in a spirit of partnership and ensure it becomes a pillar to narrow the gap between law and its implementation, regarding protection of the human rights of all migrants, regardless of status, as envisioned in the New York Declaration.

We acknowledge the significant contributions of the Human Rights system in the elaboration of the Global Compact and recognize that it has an important role to play in supporting Member States in its implementation, follow-up and review. We commit to work closely with civil society and all relevant stakeholders as we move forward in making migration safe, orderly and regular.

We look forward to consolidate an active role of the Human Rights Council in order to achieve the goals outlined in the Global Compact.

**Joint statement on human rights and drugs
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I have the honor to deliver this statement on behalf of the core group on human rights and the world drug problem: Albania, Brazil, Colombia, Greece, Guatemala, Mexico, Paraguay, Portugal, Switzerland and Uruguay.

When the international community adopted the Sustainable Development Goals in 2015, we committed to achieving a better and more sustainable future for all, which includes addressing global challenges as the world drug problem.

Also in 2015, the Human Rights Council adopted the first resolution on this topic. One year later, in its Special Session in 2016, the UN General Assembly confirmed human rights as one of the seven pillars to address the world drug problem from a balanced and comprehensive approach, and as a key component in the development and implementation of drug policies. Furthermore, Member States reaffirmed the need to strengthen cooperation between UN entities to achieve this end.

The new High Commissioner, Ms. Michelle Bachelet, has stated that “drug issues everywhere are best tackled through a focus on health, education and opportunities – not the death penalty, or death squads.” We couldn’t agree more with her.

As the goals set out in the 2009 Political Declaration and Plan of Action to Counter the World Drug Problem reach their target date in 2019, we reiterate the importance to incorporate in the forthcoming discussions a holistic approach that truly takes human rights at its core. With this in mind, our countries jointly and successfully submitted the resolution 37/42 “the Contribution to the implementation of the joint commitment to effectively addressing and countering the world drug problem with regard to human rights” which was adopted by the HRC earlier this year.

Pursuant to this resolution, the Office of the High Commissioner has now submitted the report on more effective and human rights compliant measures to address narcotic drugs issues. We are pleased that a high number of States, international organizations, UN bodies, national human rights institutions and NGOs submitted contributions to the study. The report is highly illustrative of how States can design and implement effective drug policies while respecting human rights.

Taking our joint commitment of UNGASS 2016 seriously, means striving for a modern, holistic and evidence-based approach to drugs that is compliant with our international human rights obligations.

I thank you, Mr. President.