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Reporting Template for Framing Sessions A, B and C

Reporting template 2017 Common Space Framing Sessions	
Framing Session theme:	Framing Session C: What does “Safe, orderly and regular migration” mean in contexts of people compelled to flee across borders from conflict, persecution, climate change or to join family?
<p>1. How do the panelists define “safe, orderly and regular migration” in the context of this session’s specific focus, and is there a shared understanding of these terms?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Particular <u>resource</u>: how do the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the New York Declaration express shared understandings of <u>relevant rights, commitments and possibilities</u>? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For all categories of migrants legal pathways need to be created in order to avoid irregular migration. The division between the “good refugee” and “bad migrant” needs to be overcome. Application of legal pathways for people in refugee like situations are scarce and GCM needs to create commitment for new legal pathways and the application of existent instruments. This means to effectively open alternatives which range from resettlement schemes, humanitarian visa, humanitarian corridors, and family reunification. So there are tools at disposal to improve the situation of migrants in vulnerable situations including regularization, which have been proven successful in many countries and recently did so in Morocco. Asylum system as outlined in the Geneva 1951 Convention remains essential, this system can respond to crisis as there is no quota or cut off level. This system also does not require any family or other ties in the receiving country but allows family reunification. Each individual claim is revised on a personal basis. As it entails the values of human rights and human dignity it needs to be upheld, upscaled and complemented by additional legal avenues. temporary protection schemes. Certain principles that are non-negotiable: like non-refoulement principle, entry and protection, non-criminalization, fair and transparent status determination for refugees. Looking at the realities of migrants and refugees in the various regions shows that many refugees and migrants are being pushed back, are facing horrendous situations and appalling conditions e.g. in detention centers. Hence regional policies need to be revised otherwise the “GCM exercise” becomes useless: states have obligations that’s why regional and national policies that are already in place need to be revised to comply with international binding obligations (so it’s about the political willingness to adapt those regional policies to the commitments and principles set out in the GCM) In addition the implementation part cannot remain weak. Hence there is a need to walk the talk and assure that commitments are made concrete as stock-taking on implementation also evokes responsibilities. Enhancing commitment would also mean to do effective contingency planning in order to be able to make quick responses and immediately react and adapt to emergency situations. 	
<p>2. If your session could choose <u>one key message</u> to be conveyed in the plenary by the Grand Rapporteur, what would it be?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Countries have almost all the tools in the toolbox, family unification and other legal pathways need to 	

complement each other instead of being sacrificed for another.

- Targets and indicators are needed and followed up in an actionable roadmap in order to measure markers of progress on the commitments

3. Additional comments, e.g. particular challenges or highlights worth mentioning [optional]

- Root causes need to be addressed through more investment in conflict prevention and targeted ODA
- Migration will increase within Africa as development tiggers migration, too, but this is actually positive migration and will benefit development.
- There is a need to define what “shared responsibility” means as the burden of global refugee phenomena is not shared equally.
- There is still an elephant in the room: when do you become a citizens and no longer a migrant?

4. Inspirational quotes? [optional]

“Family migration is just as important as labour migration as families work, too and families are also protection units.”

“families should not have to choose between separation and survival”