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Statement

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Orderly and Regular Migration**

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

It gives me great pleasure to represent the Inter-Parliamentary Union on this momentous occasion.

Through the Inter-Parliamentary Union, the global parliamentary community has been intimately associated with the process leading to the Global Compact. Over the past couple of years, we have organized a number of debates to garner the views of parliamentarians and shared the main recommendations from those debates with the negotiators of the Global Compact. Let me highlight here two main outcome documents that crystallize the common position of the global parliamentary community. The first is the final Declaration of the 138th IPU Assembly in March this year on strengthening the global regime for migrants and refugees. The second landmark IPU document is the resolution adopted at the 139th Assembly in October of this year on strengthening inter-parliamentary cooperation on migration and migration governance.

Our political debates and positions indicate strong convergence with the approach taken by the Global Compact as well as parliamentary support for its implementation. Indeed, the IPU fully supports its people-centered, whole of government and human rights-based lens of migration and its emphasis on the fundamental notion that only by working together and in solidarity can we address the opportunities and challenges that migration brings.

shield themselves from the rest of the world, it is all the more essential that we join hands and that everyone contributes.