

STATEMENT FOR Dr. FARAJI K. MNYEPE, PERMANENT SECRETARY,
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DURING THE INTEGOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCE TO ADOPT THE
GLOBAL COMPACT FOR SAFE, ORDERLY AND REGULAR MIGRATION,
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Your Excellency President of the Conference.

*Your Excellency María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés, President of the General
Assembly,*

Your Excellency Antonio Guterres, United Nations Secretary General,

Excellencies Heads of State and Governments,

Excellencies Heads of Delegations,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am participating in this Conference on behalf of H.E. Dr. John Pombe Joseph Magufuli, President of the United Republic of Tanzania, who could not be here himself due to other commitments at home. Through me, kindly accept his best wishes for fruitful deliberations and conclusion of this Conference.

Mr. President,

Today, there are over 258 million migrants around the world living outside their countries of origin due to various reasons such as; conflicts, poor governance, population growth, increasing connectivity, trade, rising inequality, demographic imbalances and climate change, among others. This figure is expected to grow. It is therefore imperative to better manage migration in order to harness the immense opportunity and benefits for migrants themselves, host communities and communities of origin. Failure to do so, our societies will continue experiencing unexpected arrival of large numbers of people and increase risks of migrants who undertake dangerous journeys.

The United Republic of Tanzania just like other nations is a country of origin, transit and destination, facing the challenge of migration movements in Africa. It is in this regard that my country reiterates the importance of the establishment of the capacity-building mechanism in the United Nations to support efforts of Member States to implement the Global Compact for Migration (GCM). Surely, this will help strengthen capacities and foster multi-partner cooperation as no State can address migration alone.

Mr. President,

Now that we have the Migration Compact, the United Republic of Tanzania firmly believes that a robust willingness for an adequate international response is needed. Having the Compact in letters is one thing, and implementing the Compact is the other. We must all put in practice all the short, medium and long term approaches to migration governance. These approaches must respond both to the right to migrate and to the sovereign right of States to protect their borders. There is an increased need for a new migration governance that is more effective, and anchored in both, the protection of the dignity of migrants, and respect for laws of countries of destination and transit.

