

## Summary of official meetings

Tuesday, 11 December 2018

### General Assembly

#### Intergovernmental Conference to Adopt the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration

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5th plenary meeting

*General debate* [item 8] (*continued*)

The Conference continued its consideration of agenda item 8.

Statements were made by His Excellency Ahmedou Ould Abdalla, Minister of Interior and Decentralization of Mauritania; His Excellency Gbehzongar Milton Findley, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Liberia; Mr. Santiago Chavez, Vice-Minister of Human Mobility of Ecuador; His Excellency Mamadou Tangara, Minister for Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation and Gambians Abroad of the Gambia; Ms. Marianne Hagen, State Secretary for Foreign Affairs of Norway; Mr. Gitesh Sharma, Vice-Minister of External Affairs of India; Mr. Norikazu Suzuki, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan; Mr. Dorin Purice, Secretary of State of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Moldova;; Mr. Nguyen Quoc Dung, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam; Mr. Viktor Dimovski, State Secretary for Foreign Affairs of The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; Mr. Markos Tekle, State Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ethiopia; Mr. Sandi Čurin, State Secretary of Interior of Slovenia; Mr. Nurzhan Altayev, Vice-Minister of Labor and Social Protection of the Population of Kazakhstan; Mr. Magdy Mohamed Abdelhamid Abdelghafar, Advisor for Security and Anti-Terrorism to the President of Egypt; Her Excellency Chou Bun Eng, Secretary of State of Interior of Cambodia; the representatives of Tuvalu and Jamaica; His Excellency Lesego Makgothi, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Relations of Lesotho; and the representatives of Cuba, Belarus, Eritrea, Turkmenistan, Thailand, Azerbaijan, Peru, Iceland, China, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Libya, Liechtenstein, the Marshall Islands, Jordan, Sri Lanka, the Russian Federation, Armenia, Argentina, the Republic of Korea and Gabon.

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6<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting

*General debate* [item 8] (*continued*)

The Conference continued its consideration of agenda item 8.

Statements were made by the representatives of Uruguay, Georgia, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Bahamas, Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bahrain, Grenada, Singapore, Madagascar, Pakistan Costa Rica, Uganda, Benin, Ghana, the Plurinational State of Bolivia and France.

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7<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting

*General debate* [item 8] (*continued*)

The Conference continued its consideration of agenda item 8.

Statements were made by the representatives of Saint Kitts and Nevis, the Syrian Arab Republic and Afghanistan.

Statements were also made by Mr. Antonio Vitorino, Director-General of the International Organization for Migration; by Mr. Albrecht Freiherr von Boeselager,

Grand Chancellor of the Sovereign Order of Malta; Mr. Michael Spindelegger, Director-General of the International Centre for Migration Policy Development; Mr. António Pedro Roque, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean; Mr. Gilles Carbonnier, Vice President of the International Committee of the Red Cross; Ms. Isabelle Durant, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development; and the representatives of the Organization of Security and Co-operation in Europe, the International Organization of La Francophonie, the League of Arab States, the Council of Europe, the Fund for the Development of the Indigenous Peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean and the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

Ms. Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and current Coordinator of the Regional Commissions, made a statement.

Ms. Maureen Magreth Hinda, Deputy Minister of Home Affairs and Immigration of Namibia, also made a statement.

Statements were made by Mr. Guy Ryder, Director-General of the International Labour Organization; Mr. Kostas Stamoulis, Assistant Director-General of the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations, and the representatives of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the United Nations Environment Programme, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the United Nations Children's Fund, the World Health Organization and the United Nations Development Programme.

The Conference also heard statements by the representatives of the following nongovernmental organizations: Education International; Institute for Global Health, University College London; Academic Council on the United Nations System; Maryknoll Sisters of St. Dominic; and Stiftung Wissenschaft Und Politik.

The Conference thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 8.

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8th plenary meeting

*Report on the dialogues* [item 9]

The President made a statement in which he congratulated the Co-Chairs of the dialogues and reminded participants that the summaries of the two dialogues would be contained in the report of the Conference.

The Conference thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 9.

*Credentials of representatives to the Conference: Report of the Credentials Committee (A/CONF.231/5)* [item 7(b)]

The Chair of the Credentials Committee, Ms. Emilia van Veen (Finland) made a statement, in the course of which she introduced the report of the Credentials Committee (A/CONF.231/5) and informed the Conference that since the formal meeting of the Committee, credentials in due form had been received from Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Burundi, Guyana, Iceland, Montenegro, Portugal, Singapore and Turkey.

The Conference adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Credentials Committee in paragraph 15 of its report (A/CONF.231/5) and accepted the additional credentials which were mentioned by the Chair of the Credentials Committee.

The Conference thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 7 and of agenda item 7, as a whole.

*Election of officers other than the President; Organization of work, including the establishment of subsidiary bodies, and other organizational matters [Items 5 and 6]*

The President reminded the Conference that agenda items 5 and 6, which had been considered at a previous meeting, remained open.

There being no other matters to be discussed under the items, the Conference thus concluded its consideration of agenda items 5 and 6.

*Adoption of the report of the Conference (A/CONF.231/L.2 and A/CONF.231/L.3) [item 11]*

The Conference adopted draft resolution [A/CONF.231/L.2](#) entitled “Expression of thanks to the people and Government of Morocco”, submitted by Namibia, on behalf of the African States.

His Excellency Winston Felix (Guyana), Rapporteur-General of the Conference, made a statement, in the course of which he introduced the draft report of the Conference ([A/CONF.231/L.3](#)).

The Conference adopted the draft report ([A/CONF.231/L.3](#)) and authorized the Rapporteur-General to finalize the report.

The Conference thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 11.

*Closure of the Conference [item 12]*

Ms. Louise Arbour, Secretary-General of the Conference and Special Representative of the Secretary-General for International Migration, made a statement.

Her Excellency María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés, President of the seventy-third session of the General Assembly, made a statement.

His Excellency Nasser Bourita, President of the Conference, also made a statement.

The President declared closed the Intergovernmental Conference to Adopt the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration.

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Dialogue 2

### **Partnerships and innovative initiatives for the way forward**

The Co-Chair of Dialogue 2, His Excellency Md. Shahidul Haque, Foreign Secretary of Bangladesh opened the dialogue and made a statement. The dialogue was co-chaired by His Excellency E. Courtenay Rattray, Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the United Nations, who also made a statement.

Ms. Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, Chair of the High-Level Panel on International Migration in Africa delivered a keynote address.

The following panelists made presentations: Ms. Manuela Carmena Castrillo, Mayor of Madrid, Ms. Joanne Liu, President of Doctors without Borders and Mr. Tarik Yousef, Director of the Brookings Doha Centre.

An interactive discussion ensued, during which statements were made by the representatives of Panama, Denmark, Sudan, Mali, European Union, Zimbabwe, Lesotho, Germany, Netherlands, Nepal, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, The Plurinational State of Bolivia, Cameroon, Peru, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Holy See, Guinea, Canada, Eritrea, Morocco, Belarus and Cambodia.

Statements were made by the representatives of the following intergovernmental organizations and other entities: International Committee of the Red Cross, Organization Internationale de La Francophonie, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the following specialized agencies, funds and programmes and United Nations system entities: International Organization for Migration, United Nations Office for Project Services, International Labor Organization, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, International Fund for Agricultural Development, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, and the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the following non-governmental organizations and other relevant actors: International Centre for Migration Policy Development, UCL–Lancet Commission on Migration and Health, Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants, United States Council for International Business, International Trade Union Confederation, International Federation of Medical Students' Associations, Ohaha Family Foundation, Association for Italian Organizations, Academic Council of United Nations System, Children and Youth International, Public Services International, Pacific Islands Alliance of Non-Governmental Organizations, Save the Children, Foundation CEPAIM, Migrant Forum in Asia, Women in Migration Network, Council of Voluntary Agencies, Doctors of the World, Soul Sustainable Progress, Red Acoge España, Fund for the Development of Indigenous Peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean, Club de Madrid and MAP Foundation.

The panelists and their representatives responded to comments made and questions raised during the interactive discussion.

The Co-Chair (Bangladesh) delivered closing remarks and declared Dialogue 2 on “Partnerships and innovative initiatives for the way forward” closed.

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