



JOINT DECLARATION BY THE KINGDOM OF SPAIN AND THE PORTUGUESE REPUBLIC IN SUPPORT OF THE GLOBAL COMPACT FOR SAFE, ORDERLY AND REGULAR MIGRATION

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Migration is a natural occurrence that has existed throughout human history. Mobility has been a very important aspect of the past of both our countries, and we want it to be a part of our future, as an element that enriches our open societies.

In today's globalized world, the phenomenon of migration has become multidimensional and universal, and has become more complex than it was in the past. As a result, appropriate management is required at the national and regional levels, as well as close cooperation at the international level, in order that migration flows benefit us all, and their full advantages are felt, while reducing the associated risks.

The Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration is a step forward in the necessary process of moving, in the medium term, from mere management to global governance of the migratory phenomenon.

The Compact responds to the vulnerabilities linked to the generation and flow of migration, and proposes principles for good management of migration with the understanding that the migration phenomenon is a shared responsibility.

Spain and Portugal consider that the objective of the Compact must be to ensure that in the future migration is increasingly voluntary and safe for migrants and more orderly and regular for the countries of origin, transit and destination that must manage migration flows.

The Global Compact is a good example of effective multilateralism, a principle to which both our countries are firmly committed.

Spain and Portugal therefore support the Global Compact for Migration and call on other States to adopt it at the Intergovernmental Conference in Marrakech on 10-11 December.