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## STATEMENT

### **Intergovernmental Conference to Adopt the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, 10-11 December 2018, Marrakech, Morocco**

Plenary statement, presented by President Amina Bouayach of the National Human Rights Council of Morocco

The Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions, which includes today more than 110 institutions worldwide, welcomes the adoption of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration and calls upon all stakeholders to work towards its implementation.

We particularly welcome the call for human rights-based approach to implementing the Global Compact on Migration which should reflect both international as well as regional human rights obligations.

In this regard, we urge all states that have not yet done so to ratify the International Convention on the Rights of Migrant Workers and their Families which concretizes existing human rights obligations towards migrants, we reiterate the need of States to promote and protect the rights of migrants irrespective of their migratory status, and call upon all stakeholders to monitor the rights of migrants irrespective of their migratory status through all United Nations human rights treaty body monitoring processes.

We call on states and regional organisations to provide avenues and fora for follow-up and review of the implementation of the Global Compact on Migration. Given that the first review will be in 2020 at the regional level, we highlight the important role of existing regional human rights systems, particularly those, in Africa, the Americas and Europe and recommend their inclusion in the review. NHRIs acting individually and through their regional networks in Africa, the Americas, the Asia-Pacific region and in Europe should be included as well.

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As a matter of urgency, GANHRI calls upon all states to set out a process and fora at the national level for the implementation of the GCM. This process should be inclusive, regular, transparent and participatory, allowing for contributions from all stakeholders. It also should set out concrete goals and actions, and set out timelines for implementation.

As National Human Rights Institutions, protecting and promoting migrants' rights is an important part of our work in line with our mandate and functions under the Paris Principles. For the implementation of the Global Compact on Migration, we will inter alia, collectively or as individual institutions:

- advocate for states' ratification of relevant international human rights instruments protecting the rights of migrants, particularly the International Convention on the Rights of Migrant Workers and their Families,
- advocate for and monitor the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly those that impact the human rights of migrants,
- provide technical assistance to States in the elaboration and use of national implementation plans to localize the objectives of the GCM, ensuring that human rights-based approaches are applied,
- advocate for changes to national legislation and administrative practice to bring law and policies in line with international and regional human rights norms and best practice,
- support states in their efforts to monitor private entities such as recruitment agencies, remittance transfer offices as well as employers with regard to migrants' rights, and support in the training of the personnel of those private entities on the rights of migrants,
- strengthen cross-border cooperation of NHRIs and their four regional networks including through assigning focal points on migration,
- stand ready to work with all actors to cooperate on the implementation of the GCM and strengthen local, national and regional dialogue through engagement with all stakeholders, and
- support data gathering through NHRI-led research.

Finally, we call upon states to establish National Human Rights Institutions where they do not yet exist, to and support and strengthen existing institutions, in line with the Paris Principles and support their protection and promotion mandate with regard to cross-border activities.