



Statement of the Center for Migration Studies of New York (CMS) and the Scalabrinian International Migration Network (SIMN)

On

The Outcome Document and Global Compact on Refugees

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The Scalabrinian International Migration Network (SIMN) consists of 270 migrant shelters, schools, community centers and eight educational institutes operated by the Missions of St. Charles, Scalabrin (simn.org) The Center for Migration Studies (CMS) of New York is an educational

While security screening for asylum seekers and refugees is necessary to prevent terrorists as posing as asylum seekers or refugees, the outcome document and the Global Compact should both include language that addresses this issue head on, so that the global narrative does not presume that a fide refugees have an intent to harm persons, but are, in fact, fleeing terror and extremist organizations themselves. In 1.11, we would suggest adding the following after the sentence which ends with

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Second, we strongly support paragraph 2.3 of the outcome document recognizing the rights and responsibilities of States to manage and control their borders in a manner that respects human rights and human dignity. However, we feel that language should be added to strongly discourage the use of

In paragraph 4, we strongly support the reaffirmation of the institution of asylum and the right to seek asylum, as well as the fundamental principle of non-refoulement. We would suggest adding language that calls upon member States to recognize asylum claims based upon persecution by non-state actors, organized crime, gangs, and terrorist organizations.

In paragraph 4.11, we support the expansion of legal pathways for refugees, but would add language that ensures that their needs for protection and social inclusion in their new countries are met.

In conclusion, we applaud the work of the facilitators and the member States involved in the process. Consistent with the views of other organizations, we would support the inclusion of an operating framework for the Global Compact (July 12 version) to be completed in 12 months. We oppose delay of the Global Compact as agreed to on July 20, but support the intention to develop a Global Compact for Safe, Regular, and Orderly Migration by 2017. We recommend road maps for and strong civil society involvement in these processes.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this written statement.