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Parliaments and the Global Compacts on Migration and Refugees: How to bring about stronger international cooperation and national implementation

Global parliamentary conference organized jointly by the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye

20-21 June 2022, İstanbul, Türkiye

Geneva, 12 May 2022

Dear Madam Speaker,
Dear Mr. Speaker,

The Grand National Assembly of Türkiye (GNAT) and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) are pleased to invite your Parliament to participate in the above-mentioned conference, which will take place from 20 to 21 June 2022 in İstanbul, Türkiye.

2018 was a crucial year for international migration governance. In December that year, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) and the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR).

Although a certain amount of progress has been made in implementing both Global Compacts, much more needs to be done. For instance, only a limited number of countries have adopted ambitious national responses for the implementation of the GCM. In a similar vein, a limited number of countries, often with scarce resources, continue to host most of the globe's refugees, leaving the promise of more equitable burden-sharing that underpins the GCR largely unfulfilled.

The global parliamentary conference in Türkiye will offer an important opportunity for parliaments and their members to take stock of the state of implementation of the Global Compacts and of old and new challenges that stand in the way of stronger collective, bilateral and national action. The conference aims to collect a series of best parliamentary practices and to identify further concrete steps that parliaments can take to promote more robust international cooperation and national implementation.

We sincerely hope that your Parliament will be represented at the conference in Türkiye. Given the importance of the topic under discussion, participation by Speakers of Parliament would contribute to highlighting the key role of parliaments as well as our determination to find concrete solutions to the problems involved. In keeping with the IPU's usual practice, we wish to point out that your delegation should include both female and male members of parliament and reflect the political spectrum represented in your Parliament. The members of each delegation should ideally be directly involved in the discussion of migration issues in their Parliament.

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The provisional programme, practical information note, registration and hotel reservation forms are attached. All participants are kindly requested to return the completed forms by **13 June 2022** at the latest.

We look forward to your Parliament's participation in this important event.

Yours sincerely,

Duarte Pacheco
IPU President



Mustafa Şentop
Speaker of the Grand National Assembly
of Türkiye



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