Malta believes that the two Global Compacts are essential to promote and uphold the human rights of migrants and refugees, who, as a vulnerable group of people, may often be easy targets for racial hatred, discrimination and religious bias.

Migration is a global phenomenon that requires an international response.  Malta believes the momentum generated by the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants must be maintained. We hope that the Global Compact on Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration to be adopted in Morocco on 10-11 December 2018, will further flash out the elements and concepts outlined in the New York Declaration, reiterating international principles as well as the need for global responsibility sharing in addressing migrant flows.

Malta has prepared a Migrant Integration Strategy & Action Plan (Vision 2020) which is currently being discussed internally and should be imminently in the process of being formally adopted. The strategy addresses legally-residing third country nationals and provides them with tools to participate in society more effectively thus improving their quality of life holistically through education, better jobs and increased social engagement. An Integration Unit has been set up within the Ministry for European Affairs and Equality (MEAE) of Malta to ensure that this strategy will be brought to life and implemented on the ground with regular interaction with migrant communities and NGOs, thus concretely helping in the promotion and protection of human rights of migrants.