

Security First

Proposals by Hungary to the UN's Global Compact on Migration

1. As the global events of recent years proved, migration is an unfavourable and dangerous process, which caused serious security challenges in many regions of the world.
2. Based on the experience of recent years, international efforts must aim to stop migration flows. The politics aiming at encouraging migration proved to be harmful, therefore it must be ended immediately.
3. With respecting the rules of international law, international organizations must make it clear that migration is not a basic human right. Nobody can independently decide which country to live in while ignoring national regulations and international law.
4. The international community must realize that migration is not beneficial for anyone: not for those who risk their lives while trying to get to other countries, and not for those who must host people from different cultural backgrounds. This process only leads to the creation of parallel societies with serious security implications in the affected regions.
5. The international community must recognize that every person has the right to live in his or her homeland in peace and security. If this is not possible, we have to help them to live as close to their homes as conceivable in a dignified manner, until they can return to their homes.
6. Migration is only beneficial for smugglers. It is the obligation of the international community to eliminate the business model of smugglers and all smuggling networks, and strictly punish the perpetrators. For this reason, the international community must avoid the introduction and implementation of policies – especially those encouraging the obligatory distribution of migrants among third countries – that encourage the use of smuggler networks.

7. The international community must ensure the respect for sovereignty. The international community must respect the right of states to prioritize the safety of their citizens before any other aspect. Therefore, every state has the right to decide whom to admit to its territory and whom they forbid from entering.
8. The international community must support states in their efforts to safeguard their historical, religious and cultural heritage and social structure. The international community must not put pressure on any state to change these values.
9. The international community must respect that every state has the sovereign right for economic development, and also to control their own policies concerning labor market and demographic trends.
10. Every state has the right and responsibility to control their borders. The international community must support every state to successfully carry out their border control responsibilities.
11. The international community must make it clear that illegal border crossing is a serious criminal offense. We must terminate policies that either encourage or mitigate illegal border crossing and those who commit this offense. Crossing borders is only possible with the full respect of international and national regulations. The violation of such regulations must result in serious punishment.
12. The international community must make it clear that the UN's Global Compact on Migration does not have any legally binding effect on states. The UN's Global Compact on Migration must not serve as a legal basis for the adoption and implementation of international law or national legislation.