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**The UN Global Compacts on refugees and
migrants and the role of Parliaments**

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Room: JAN 2Q2

Claude MORAES has been a Member of the European Parliament for Socialists and Democrats group since 1999. He is Chair of the Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs committee (LIBE) since 2014 and Rapporteur on the revision of the Blue Card Directive. He was also Rapporteur for the Seasonal Workers Directive. He was previously Deputy Leader of the European parliamentary Labour party (EPLP), Director of the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants (JCWI), the national migration and refugee charity, and Chief Executive of the Immigrants' Aid Trust. He was appointed a Commissioner at the Commission for Racial Equality (CRE) for the period 1997-2002 while at JCWI. He has written regularly on migration and human rights issues.

Dimitris AVRAMOPOULOS is the European Commissioner for Migration, Home Affairs and Citizenship since November 2014. Before becoming European Commissioner, he was Minister of National Defence of Greece (two terms), Minister of Foreign Affairs, Minister of Tourism Development, Minister of Health and Social Solidarity and Mayor of Athens (two terms). He was elected Member of the Parliament several times with the "New Democracy" party (1993, 2004, 2007, 2009 and 2012). He served in the Diplomatic Service of Greece from 1980 until 1993. He was Spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Director of the Diplomatic Cabinet of the Greek Prime Minister and Consul of Greece in Liège (Belgium) and in Geneva (Switzerland). He completed his studies at the Faculty of Law and Political Sciences at the University of Athens and his postgraduate studies on International Organisation at the Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB). He is Honorary Professor of the State Academy of Technological Sciences of Moscow, Peking University (Beijing) and European College of Parma (Italy). He is Honorary Doctor of ADELPHI University (New York), DREXEL University (Philadelphia), KINGSTON University and DEREI College (Athens).

FIRST SESSION

The global compact on refugees (GCR)

Volker TÜRK is UNHCR's Assistant High Commissioner for Protection, having previously served as the Director of the Division of International Protection from September 2009 to February 2015. From April 2008 to September 2009, he was Director for Organizational Development and Management in Geneva, leading UNHCR's structural and management change process. From 1991 to March 2008, he occupied various positions in many parts of the world, including in Malaysia, Kosovo (S/RES/1244 (1999))¹, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Kuwait. From 2000 to 2004, he was Chief of the Protection Policy and Legal Advice Section at UNHCR Headquarters in Geneva, which had particular responsibilities for the Global Consultations process. Prior to his time with UNHCR, Volker Türk worked as University Assistant at the Institute of International Law at the University of Vienna (Austria), where he finished his doctoral thesis on UNHCR and its mandate (published in 1992). From 1985 to 1988, he was Research Assistant at the Institute of Criminal Law at the University of Linz (Austria). He has published widely on international refugee and human rights law.

Aspasia PAPAPOULOU is Senior Policy Officer at the European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE), where she leads ECRE's advocacy work on the external affairs of EU migration and asylum policy, safe and legal access channels, global responsibility sharing and migration governance; she follows the CRRF and GCR debates as part of the UNHCR-NGO-IFRC Reference Group on the CRRF, sub-group on advocacy, and NGO strategic meetings run by ICVA. For the last 13 years Aspasia has worked with a variety of actors in the area of migration and asylum, including the European Commission's EuropeAid Cooperation Office (DEVCO) on migration and displacement programmes in development aid, the UNHCR in Tunisia and in Greece, NGOs inside and outside Europe, and the Global Commission on International Migration (GCIM) in Geneva, launched by the UN Secretary General and various governments to prepare the report 'Migration in an Interconnected World (2005), ahead of the first UN High Level Dialogue on Migration and Development in 2006. Aspasia holds a Masters degree from Kings College London and a PhD from Oxford University. Her research focuses on mixed migration flows to Europe, with a particular emphasis on Greece, transit.

Fabio BAGGIO serves, together with Fr. CZERNY, as Under-Secretary of the Migrants and Refugees Section of the Vatican's newly-established Dicastery for the Promotion of Integral Human Development, operational as of January 2017. The Migrants and Refugees Section helps the Church worldwide to support those who are displaced by conflict, natural disaster, persecution or extreme poverty. Fr. Fabio BAGGIO is representing the Dicastery for the Promotion of Integral Human Development in the Governing Committee of the International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC), a registered non-profit organization working in the areas of refugee and migration issues since 1951. Fr. Baggio was counsel to the Episcopal Commission for Migrations of Chile (INCAMI) in Santiago de Chile (1994-1996) and director of the Migration Department of the Archdioceses of Buenos Aires (1997-2002). He was also director of the Scalabrini Migration Center (SMC) in Manila, Philippines (2002-2010). He obtained his bachelor's in Philosophy at the Faculty of Philosophy "Scalabrini" in Loreto (Italy) in 1986 and his bachelor's in Theology

at the Pontificia Universitas Gregoriana in Rome in 1991. At the same university, he completed his master's (1994) and doctorate in Church History (1998), with specialization in Contemporary History.

Roberta METSOLA has been a Member of the European Parliament for the EPP group since 2013. She is also Co-Rapporteur for the EP resolution on "The situation in the Mediterranean and the need for a holistic EU approach to migration" with Ms KYENGE and Chair of the EP Asylum Contact Group. Currently, she is Vice-Chair of the Committee on Petitions and member of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, the Special Committee on Terrorism and the Delegation for relations with the United States. She studied Law at the University of Malta between 1999 and 2003 and graduated from the College of Europe in 2004. Since 2004 she has been working in Brussels, first as Legal and Judicial Cooperation Attaché and Head of the Justice and Home Affairs Unit of the Maltese Permanent Representation to the EU (2004-2012) and as legal advisor to the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Catherine Ashton (2012-2013).

Cécile Kashetu KYENGE was elected as a Member of the European Parliament for the Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in 2014. She is also Co-Rapporteur for the EP resolution on "The situation in the Mediterranean and the need for a holistic EU approach to migration" with Ms METSOLA. Ms KYENGE is an Italian politician and ophthalmologist. After moving to Italy in 1983 from the Democratic Republic of Congo, she became a qualified ophthalmologist in Modena, Emilia-Romagna. She has founded an intercultural Association (DAWA) to promote mutual awareness, integration and cooperation between Italy and Africa. She is also the spokesperson of the association "March First", which works to promote the rights of migrants in Italy. In February 2013 she was elected member of the Chamber of Deputies for the Democratic Party in Emilia-Romagna. Two months later she was appointed Minister for Integration in the grand coalition government formed by Enrico Letta as Minister for Integration (2013-14).

SECOND SESSION

The global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration (GCM)

Jürg Lauber is the current Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations in New York and Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission, Burundi Configuration.

Between 2011 and 2015, he served as Head of the United Nations and International Organisations Division in Bern. Prior to that, from 2009 to 2011, he was Deputy Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations and other International Organisations in Geneva and Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the Conference on Disarmament. Between 2007 and 2009, he served as Chef de Cabinet to the President of the International Criminal Court in The Hague, Netherlands. His previous posts included Bangkok, Bern, Beijing and the Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations in New York. Jürg Lauber has a law degree from the University of Zurich. He joined the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA) in 1993 after working in peacekeeping missions in Namibia (UNTAG) and Korea (Panmunjom).

Juan Jose Gómez Camacho was appointed as Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations in February 2016. Between 2009 and 2013, he was Mexico's Permanent Representative to the United Nations and other organizations in Geneva, Switzerland. He served as Ambassador to Singapore, Myanmar and Brunei-Darussalam from 2006 to 2009. A career diplomat, Mr. Gomez served in a number of positions in the Foreign Ministry, including Director General for Human Rights and Democracy between 2000 and 2005. From 1997 to 2000, he was Deputy Permanent Representative to the Organization of American States. The holder of a master's degree in international law from Georgetown University in the United States, Mr. Gomez earned his bachelor's degree in law from the Universidad Iberoamericana in Mexico City.

Jonathan Prentice is the Chief of Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for International Migration, New York. Between 2010 and 2017 he served first as Chief Policy Officer then as Director of the London Office and Senior Advisor for Advocacy. Prior to that, between 1994 to 2010, he held different positions in the United Nations: Human Rights Adviser, United Nations Country Team, Indonesia (2007-2010), Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Adviser to the High Commissioner (2004-2007), Special Assistant to the Special Representative of the Secretary-General/Iraq (2003), Chief of Office for the High Commissioner for Human Rights (2002-2003), Political Affairs Officer/Special Assistant, Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET) (1999-2002), Department of Political Affairs, Asia/Pacific Division (1999), Political Affairs Officer, Office of the Secretary-General's Representative for Cambodia, Phnom Penh (1997-1999), Department of Political Affairs, Asia/Pacific Division (1994-1997).

Eugenio AMBROSI is the Regional Director of IOM's Regional Office for the EU, Norway and Switzerland. Prior to this, he was the Senior Regional Adviser for Europe and Central Asia in the Office of the Director General at IOM's Headquarters in Geneva. He came to

IOM in 1991 where he has since held senior positions including Director for the Regional Office in Buenos Aires and Director of the Dakar Regional Office. He has extensive experience and knowledge of European issues and IOM policies, programmes and operations, in addition to several years of executive experience with IOM's Regional Bureau for Africa and the Middle East. He has a Master in Law and holds a Post Graduate degree in International Law and Multilateral Diplomacy.

Aneliya IVANCHEVA is the Co-Chair of the High Level Working Group on Asylum and Migration in the Council of the EU during the Bulgarian Council Presidency.

Maria FERM has been a Member of the Swedish Parliament since 2010. She is the Green Party's Spokesperson on Migration Policy Issues and since 2014, also the party's group leader in the Riksdag. She was also a spokesperson for legal issues.

Constança URBANO DE SOUSA is a Member of the Portuguese Parliament and was the country's former Minister of Internal Administration (2015-2017). From 2006 to 2012, she coordinated the Justice and Internal Affairs group of Portugal's Permanent Representation to the European Union. For six years, she headed the national delegation to the Strategic Committee on Immigration, Frontiers and Asylum of the European Union, which she chaired in 2007, and was part of other committees of Council of the European Union. Ms Urbano de Sousa graduated in Law from the Faculty of Law of the University of Coimbra, in 1991, and received a postgraduate degree in European Law and a doctorate in Law from Saarland University, in Germany, in 1994 and 1997, respectively. She taught Law in the Autonomous University of Lisbon and the Superior Institute of Police Sciences and Internal Security, as an associate Professor, since 1998. Starting 2000, she also taught European Law for Asylum and Immigration at the Free University of Brussels.

Elena VALENCIANO is a Member of the Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament. She is a Vice-Chair of the Special Committee on Terrorism and a Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Delegation for relations with the countries of Central America. She is the co-rapporteur, with Mr DIAZ DE MERA, of the European Parliament report on "Addressing refugee and migrant movements: the role of EU External Action". Ms VALENCIANO held various positions since 2000 in the Spanish Socialist Workers Party (PSOE), including Deputy Secretary-General and Vice-President of the Party of European Socialists (PES) since 2012. She has been a Member of the European Parliament between 1999 and 2008. She studied law and political science at Complutense University of Madrid.

Agustín DIAZ DE MERA GARCIA CONSUEGRA has been a Member of the European Parliament for the EPP since 2004. He is currently the Vice-Chair of the Delegation to the Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly, a Member of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, the Special Committee on Terrorism and the Delegation for relations with the countries of the Andean Community. He is the co-rapporteur, with Ms VALENCIANO, of the European Parliament report on "Addressing refugee and migrant movements: the role of EU External Action". He Graduated in modern and contemporary history in 1971 and completed a Diploma in European Community studies from the Diplomatic School of Madrid in 1976.