

- Civil society including refugees, migrants and diaspora needs to be

1. **Launch an international plan NOW to protect and uphold the safety and dignity of refugees, migrants and displaced people on the move and upon arrival**

Increasingly policies are being put in place to prevent human movement, securitize and criminalize migration, and to close international borders. This undermines the fundamental rights of refugees and migrants. Evidence is unequivocal that such policies do not stop human mobility, but push people into more precarious routes, undercut protection, and endanger the lives of refugees and migrants. Alongside the need to develop channels for safe, orderly and regular migration it is imperative to ensure systematic assistance and protection of all refugees and migrants who are vulnerable in movement and upon arrival, including internally displaced persons. Current responses are ad hoc, inconsistent and utterly inadequate.

**Civil society calls on states in the 19 September outcome to:**

- x **Launch an immediate process for guidelines and commitments for a systematic response to improve assistance and protection of refugees and migrants who are vulnerable on the move and/or upon arrival. Such guidelines**



### 3. Launch a Roadmap for a Global Compact on Safe, Regular and Orderly Migration

In an increasingly mobile world, there is urgent need for channels of safe, orderly and regular migration that allow people to seek safety, in family, seek decent work and livelihoods, pursue studies and business abroad, and secure a better future for themselves and their families. Developing such channels will greatly reduce the abuse and suffering that refugees and migrants currently experience and the extraordinary personal, social and political chaos that arises in the absence of such channels. Migration that is safe and by choice is an opportunity for human development and a necessity in our globalized world.

**As a Summit outcome, states should launch a all-stakeholder Roadmap for the development of a Global Compact on safe, orderly and regular migration.** This Roadmap should link to the implementation of Goal 10 (7) of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and to the development of guiding norms and commitments for the protection of migrants on the move (see above). Grounded within the UN framework, this process should be led jointly by states and civil society practitioners in explicit partnership with the International Organization for Migration (IOM), and other agencies including the International Labour Organization, UNHCR and UNICEF, local authorities, refugees, migrants and the diaspora. It should include regional consultation, be time-limited and lead to the adoption of the Global Compact at a World Migration Conference in 2018.

#### 4. Launch international action for social inclusion and against discrimination, racism and xenophobia

Countering racism and xenophobia and ensuring that refugees and migrants are welcomed and integrated as part of inclusive societies are the pre-conditions for an overhaul of refugee and migration policies. Yet refugees and migrants are too often met and increasingly feared, vilified, threatened and discriminated against.