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The Grand National Assembly of Türkiye

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

1. CONTEXT AND PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

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). The Global Compacts offer non-binding cooperative frameworks for States to address a variety of challenges linked to migration.

The Global Compacts have each created dedicated mechanisms to examine progress towards implementation, discuss ongoing challenges and best practices, and identify new action to govern migration. In this regard, the GCR established the Global Refugee Forum, to be held every four years, with the first held in 2019. The GCM created the International Migration Review Forum, which is due to meet every four years and will do so for the very first time in May 2022, during which it will adopt a Progress Declaration.

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 offers an important opportunity for parliaments and their members to take stock of the progress made in the 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, together and individually, to promote stronger international cooperation and national implementation.

2. VENUE AND DATE

The conference will be held on 20 and 21 June 2022 at the Hilton İstanbul Bomonti Hotel & Conference Center. The conference venue will be accessible from 18 June 2022. All badges and conference documents should be collected from the registration area located at the Hilton İstanbul Bomonti Hotel & Conference Center. The draft programme of the conference is attached.

3. PARLIAMENTS INVITED

The conference is open to all IPU Member Parliaments, Observers and Associate Members. Participating parliaments are invited to send a delegation of up to four members for unicameral and up to six members for bicameral parliaments. Delegations must be gender-balanced and reflect the political representation of the parliament. It is recommended that the members of the delegation are directly involved in work on migration and human rights issues in their parliaments.

4. REGISTRATION

Delegates are invited to return the completed registration form by **13 June 2022** at the latest to the following:

Ms. Elif TURKMEN & Ms. Hande DENERI Secretariat of the Turkish IPU Group Turkish Inter-Parliamentary Group Grand National Assembly of Türkiye Bakanlıklar 06543 Ankara (Türkiye)	With a copy to: IPU Human Rights Programme 5, Chemin du Pommier 1218 Grand-Saconnex Geneva (Switzerland)
Tel: + 90 312 420 66 41 + 90 312 420 84 84	Tel.: + 41 22 919 41 50 Fax: + 41 22 919 41 60
Email: ipu@tbmm.gov.tr	Email: hrteam@ipu.org

The registration form is individual to each participant and must be completed separately for each member of the delegation.

Delegations may include a maximum of two additional participants including parliamentary assistants and staff.

5. LIST OF DELEGATES

A provisional list of participants will be put together on the basis of the confirmations received by the IPU Secretariat by **13 June 2022**. For technical reasons, it will not be possible to provide a revised list during the meeting. However, a final list will be prepared and sent to the participants together with the conclusions after the meeting. These documents will also be made available on the IPU website.

6. ORGANIZATION OF THE MEETING

The meeting will be held in plenary sessions. Most, if not all, sessions will be organized in the “Davos style” format and will include a debate to which delegates can contribute. As the debates are informal, no list of speakers will be prepared in advance. A moderator will chair the debates and determine the order of interventions of the panellists and participants from the floor.

In keeping with usual IPU practice, all participants will have equal speaking rights. To ensure that the discussions are as fruitful and constructive as possible, participants are informed that there shall be no reading out of prepared statements. Subject to any further arrangements made by the moderator, oral contributions may not exceed **three minutes**. Participants may speak several times on each item, particularly to respond to other statements. A Rapporteur will be designated to sum up the work of the conference at its concluding session.

7. DOCUMENTS

As part of its paper-smart strategy, the IPU avoids distributing documents on site. The IPU Secretariat will therefore only print and make available essential documentation for the conference, it being understood that all other documents can be found online.

Participants wishing to distribute relevant documentation to their colleagues will be required to provide it in sufficient quantities and place it on a table set up outside the conference room for this purpose.

8. LANGUAGES

The working languages of the conference shall be English and French, although interpretation into and from Arabic and Spanish will also be provided. A limited number of additional interpreting booths will be available on a first-come-first-served basis. Delegations wishing to bring their own interpreters and requesting additional interpreting booths at their own expense should inform the organizers no later than 30 May 2022.

9. MEALS

In addition to two official lunches and a dinner, which are included in the draft programme, coffee breaks will be provided by the Host Parliament. Participants may also dine in the hotel restaurants at their own expense.

10. COVID-19 HEALTH PROTOCOL

Within the scope of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic measures, the following decisions – effective as of 4 March 2022 – regarding entry to Türkiye have been taken by the authorities. Accordingly, passengers who meet at least one of the conditions listed below are allowed to enter Türkiye and will be exempt from quarantine.

- Passengers who have received at least two doses of the vaccines approved for emergency use by the World Health Organization (WHO) or by Türkiye (one dose for Johnson & Johnson), who submit a document stating that their most recent vaccination took place at least 14 days earlier;
- Passengers who submit a document issued by the relevant country's official authorities stating that they have had the virus (immunity certificate) within the last 6 months, which starts from the 28th day after the first positive PCR test result; and
- Passengers who, before entering Türkiye, present a negative PCR test result received within the last 72 hours or a negative rapid antigen test taken within the last 48 hours.

Participants are required to undergo a PCR test before the start of the meeting in İstanbul free of charge. The test will be offered at the Hilton İstanbul Bomonti Hotel & Conference Center.

Participants are responsible for their own medical insurance.

The well-being of participants, staff, service providers and hosts is a priority. The Host Parliament has developed protocols for a safe and successful gathering for participants and staff throughout the entire event. Updates on the health protocols referred to above will be made if necessary to reflect the current situation and based on ongoing consultations with authorities and experts.

During official meeting transportation, all passengers and drivers will be required to wear masks. Vehicle providers are obliged to ensure drivers are fully vaccinated, have negative rapid antigen test results and carry out additional cleaning every 24 hours. Vehicle providers are obliged to ensure that drivers and vehicles are compliant with the health protocols.

In the event of a positive rapid antigen test result, the participant in question will undergo a PCR test for further confirmation. If the PCR test is positive, the participant must remain isolated at their accommodation or, if necessary, be hospitalized under the terms of their own insurance. A medical station and emergency team will be available at the conference venue. If necessary, ambulance teams are available to refer participants to appointed hospitals to obtain proper medical treatment.

11. ACCOMMODATION AND BOOKINGS

The Hilton İstanbul Bomonti Hotel & Conference Center is the only official hotel and the venue of the conference. The Host Parliament has made a block reservation for three nights (19-22 June 2022) at the official hotel. Participants are kindly invited to complete the Hotel Registration Form and return it as soon as possible and **no later than 13 June 2022**.

Pre-bookings at preferential rates have been made in the official hotel in order to secure rooms for delegates. These preferential rates are guaranteed until **1 June 2022**. Participants are requested to contact the hotels **directly** in order to confirm their booking, with a copy to the secretariats of the IPU and the Turkish IPU Group, indicating the type and number of rooms and the exact arrival and departure dates.

Reservations received after the above-mentioned date cannot be guaranteed and will depend on room availability. Requests for hotel reservations will be treated on a first-come-first-served basis. Participants are kindly asked to settle their bills directly with the hotel.

Participants are reminded that each parliament will bear the accommodation costs of its delegates.

Participants are kindly asked to take note that if they are staying at a hotel other than the official hotel, traffic jams, especially during rush hours, may cause inconvenience, as no shuttle services will be provided by the Host Parliament.

Official hotel	Hilton İstanbul Bomonti Hotel & Conference Center				
Address	Merkez, Silahşör Cd. No:42, 34381 Şişli/İstanbul				
Map	https://g.page/HiltonIstanbulBomonti?share				
Telephone	+90 (212) 375 3000				
Contact Person	Salih Özmen				
Email	ISTBH.Services@hilton.com				
Room rates: Including breakfast Excluding 8% tax	Single 215 € <input type="checkbox"/>	Double 230€ <input type="checkbox"/>	Executive 260€ <input type="checkbox"/>	Suite 415 € <input type="checkbox"/>	Suite 2 rooms 560€ <input type="checkbox"/>
Web site	http://eventsathilton.com/show/6273c5252a5a867f10d0f945				

12. ARRIVAL, DEPARTURE AND TRANSPORT

To ensure an efficient welcome service upon arrival, all participants attending the conference are kindly requested to provide their arrival and departure details (date, time, flight number details) on the Registration Form.

The Host Parliament will provide assistance to the participants upon their arrival at İstanbul Airport (IST) and arrange their transfer to and from the airport to the official hotel by shuttle services.

Transport to the official events will also be provided by the Host Parliament.

Parliaments participating in the conference are requested to make their own travel arrangements to and from Türkiye. Participants should note that all travel and accommodation costs shall be borne by the delegates.

The transfer schedule to the airport will be available at the Information Desk in the Hilton Bomonti Hotel. Delegates will also be informed of the shuttle schedule for their arrivals.

13. VISAS

Some participants may need to obtain a visa before entering Türkiye. Passport holders from countries requiring a visa should contact the Turkish consulate closest to where they live before travelling to Türkiye, and in any case at least one month before their travel date. Delegations are kindly advised to ensure that their travel document/passport is valid for at least six months as of the date of their arrival in Türkiye.

For more information on visa requirements, please consult the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs webpage: <https://www.mfa.gov.tr> and <https://www.mfa.gov.tr/visa-information-for-foreigners.en.mfa>

In exceptional situations, the Host Parliament can also help to ensure that a visa is provided upon arrival.

The list of the Diplomatic Missions in Türkiye is available at: <http://cd.mfa.gov.tr/>

14. REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION DESKS

A Registration and Information Desk will be available to participants at the conference venue. It will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. as of 18 June 2022 and participants are kindly invited to register at this desk (name, surname, telephone number and email address), it being understood that they have already submitted their registration form.

15. MEDICAL FACILITIES

During the conference, first aid facilities will be available at the conference venue 24 hours a day. All other medical services and prescriptions will be at the participants' own expense. Participants are responsible for organizing their own health insurance.

16. SECURITY

The national authorities will take all the necessary security measures to ensure the safety of the participants. Participants are therefore required to wear their identity badges at all times during the conference as well as during official receptions.

The lists of the security officers accompanying the official delegations and the necessary information concerning the types, calibers and serial numbers of their side arms, the amount of ammunition, and the types and frequencies of communication equipment should be sent to ipu@tbmm.gov.tr by 6 June 2022 at the latest.

17. WEATHER CONDITIONS

The weather in İstanbul in June, the first month of summer, is moderately hot, with the average temperature ranging between a minimum of 20°C (68°F) and a maximum of 28°C (82.4°F).

18. OTHER SERVICES AND GENERAL INFORMATION

CURRENCY

The national currency is the Turkish Lira (TRY). The exchange rates as of 13 May 2022 are the following:

1 Euro	16.18 Turkish Lira
1 US Dollar	15.32 Turkish Lira
1 British Pound	18.97 Turkish Lira

Major international currencies can be exchanged at banks, exchange offices and the hotel, and most major credit cards are widely accepted in Türkiye.

ELECTRICITY

The voltage supply in Türkiye operates on **220V**.

19. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For any additional, information participants are kindly requested to contact:

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