



HOUSE OF COMMONS

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Dear Constituent,

Thank you for contacting me about the Global Compact on Migration. The UK, alongside international partners, is committed to the UN process to develop both a Global Compact on Migration and a Global Compact on Refugees.

I believe that the Global Compact on Migration should offer an effective international framework to ensure that migration is safe and orderly and that it should balance the rights and responsibilities of both states and migrants. It is non-legally binding and will complement exist frameworks to foster stronger international cooperation on migration.

The Compact supports the UK's 3 Global Migration Principles - to acknowledge the rights of countries to protect their borders, to improve how we distinguish between refugees, and to ensure that refugees claim asylum in the first safe country they reach.

Our participation in the Global Compact will not affect our continued ability to determine our own immigration policy. Indeed it reaffirms the sovereign right of States to determine their national migration policy. We will continue to control our borders and prevent irregular migration into the UK.

It also provides support to the Prime Minister's principle that refugees should seek asylum in the first safe country they reach by promoting greater support to hosting countries to protect and support refugees.

Once again, many thanks for taking the time to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris'.

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