



Thank you to co-chairs,

The Association Miraisme International, with presence in 13 countries in Europe and America, has elaborated a written statement on the occasion of this First Thematic Session on the human rights of all migrants.

The document aims to promote inclusion and social cohesion, as basic elements to build plural and open societies. Tolerance and coexistence with respect are part of the migration phenomenon and determinant in the personal development of the migrants and their integration in community.

- There is an internal connection between the moral notion of human dignity and the legal concept of human rights. This articulation reaffirms the importance of building societies founded on the framework of respect and a broad moral norm where any discriminatory position is eradicated and the principle of equality is recognized from both the legal and political points of view.
- Among many other instruments, the Rabat Plan of Action provides a comprehensive framework to assist states in fulfilling their obligations in relation to the fight against incitement to hatred.
- During the presentation of its annual report for 2016, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights expressed his concern about the message of some leaders and the harmful effect on society for the use of political campaigns impregnated with intolerance and xenophobia. This has affected many migrants in different countries of Europe and America.
- In particular, incitement to religious hatred is becoming one of the most worrying triggers of violence in contemporary societies, along with acts of terrorism and genocide carried out in the name of religion. In this sense, many migrants have been beaten and stigmatized by their religious practice.
- To profess a religion other than the one officially established is, in some cases, a motive for social pointing or mocking of migrants or even condemnation to death and persecution, in the most extreme cases.
- We recommend including in the Global Compact guidelines for the protection and guarantee of freedom of religion or belief for migrant minorities.
- The Global Compact should also provide recommendations for states to eradicate new forms of discrimination or social exclusion against the ethnic and religious migrant minorities in order to ensure their full development as a means of achieving effective integration.