

The Int. Social Service as an ^{child Prot} int NGO founded in 1924, Today present in 180 ^{countries}
It is organized in a network of national entities that assist children & families
confronted with complex social problems as a result of migration.
International Social Service ^{calls the host communities to} seizes this opportunity to bring children's rights in migration to the
forefront of our discussions, in line with the Initiative for Child Rights in the Global Compacts

- First of all, ISS would like to highlight the importance of meeting the standards set by the **UN Guidelines for the Alternative Care of children** when considering alternative care settings for Children on the move.
- Secondly, the NY Declaration has noted that "detention for the purposes of determining migration status is seldom, if ever, in the best interest of the child" and therefore alternatives must be prioritized. However, ISS notes that where detention might nevertheless occur - the quality of care provided by trained and qualified professionals includes, *inter alia*, an individualized treatment and access to basic services. In addition, States should duly assess the child's individual situation and find sustainable quality solutions through social assessment of the risks involved, and family and social conditions in the country of origin.
- Finally, ^{in this sense} ISS advocates for the establishment of operational cross-border case management systems with harmonised standards among the different countries, similar to the existing cooperation in West Africa.

Madam Chair, DG W. Long, distinguished delegates, Ladies & gentlemen
congratulations for your election