The International Social Service (ISS) was founded in 1924. Today, it operates in a network of 110 countries, assisting children and families who are experiencing complex social problems, such as forced migration.

The International Social Service (ISS) strives 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, ISS advocates for the establishment of operational cross-border case management systems with harmonized standards among the different countries, similar to the existing cooperation in West Africa.

*Ilhadchair in disbursed delegacy, Ladies & gentlemen. Congratulations for your election.*