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U.S. Ends Participation in the Global Compact on Migration

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The United States has decided to end participation in the UN process to develop a Global Compact on Migration (GCM).

Negotiations on the GCM will be based on the New York Declaration, a document adopted by the UN in 2016 that commits to "strengthening global governance" and contains a number of policy goals that are inconsistent with U.S. law and policy.

While we will continue to engage on a number of fronts at the United Nations, in this case, we simply cannot in good faith support a process that could undermine the sovereign right of the United States to enforce our immigration laws and secure our borders.

The United States supports international cooperation on migration issues, but it is the primary responsibility of sovereign states to help ensure that migration is safe, orderly, and legal.

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