The General Secretariat of the League of Arab States (Refugees, Expatriates & Migration Affairs Department), in its capacity as the secretariat of the Arab Regional Consultative Process on Migration and Refugee Affairs (ARCP), organized an extraordinary meeting for the ARCP, on 25-26 July 2017 at its headquarters in Cairo, in preparation for the ongoing consultations on the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR) and the Global Compact on Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM). The meeting was organized in cooperation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

This meeting was organized in the framework of ensuring the active participation of LAS Member States in the ongoing consultations of the two Global Compacts and encourage their diplomatic missions in New York to coordinate with each other in this regard.

The meeting aimed at raising the awareness of LAS Member States on the ongoing processes to develop the GCR and GCM, and to agree on the key messages that the Arab region is keen to include in the two global compacts, to be presented in all the forums that will be held for this purpose. The first of these forums is the Regional Consultation on International Migration in the Arab Region in preparation for the GCM, to be held in Beirut on 26-27 September 2017.

19 LAS Member States were represented by the focal points of the ARCP along with other concerned ministries, especially Ministries of Foreign Affairs. The international, regional and Arab specialized organizations were also represented.

The meeting took place over two days; the first day of the meeting was dedicated to the GCR, while the second day was dedicated to the GCM. Two separate outcome documents were adopted during the meeting; one on the contribution of the ARCP to the GCR, and the other on the contribution of the ARCP to the GCM. The outcomes of the meeting were circulated to LAS missions in New York and Geneva, as focal points with the United Nations, which will circulate these documents to the embassies of the Arab States. Member States were asked to provide their embassies abroad with these documents to ensure their consideration in the global compacts, and it was agreed that UNHCR and IOM will support this process. LAS, as the secretariat of the ARCP, will also present these documents in all relevant regional and international events.