



Arbour said on Wednesday that migration should not be seen in terms of good or bad, but as "a phenomenon that's been part of human history", with immense benefits if well handled.

As the Special Representative on the Rights of Migrants, she said

While it is not aimed at providing immediate answers to current short-term migration crises, Ms. Arbour said the compact will help enlighten different approaches to address them. She described it as an agreement by Member States to cooperate over a long-term vision on how to harness the benefits and mitigate the challenges of human mobility.

She added, however, that the question of detention of migrants, generally of migrant children, had been very prominently featured in the negotiations. "There's a lot of concerns about the inappropriateness of detaining people on the move in circumstances where, in fact, the detention increases their vulnerabilities rather than assisting them," she said.

Pointing out that it was for countries to determine their own migration policies, she said the key was more international cooperation to facilitate the enforcement of such policies. It was not a question of facilitating or reducing migration, she said, the objective was safety and order.

The General Assembly is expected to consider the compact for adoption at an informal high-level conference to be held in Morocco in December 2018.

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