Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families
Thirty-first session
Summary record (partial)* of the 443rd meeting**
Held at the Palais Wilson, Geneva, on Wednesday, 11 September 2019, at 3 p.m.
Chair: Mr. Tall

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* No summary record was prepared for the rest of the meeting.
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The discussion covered in the summary record began at 3.30 p.m.

Organizational matters

1. The Chair, giving an overview of the Committee’s work at its thirty-first session, said that interactive dialogues had been held with Argentina, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Colombia, and the concluding observations on their respective periodic reports had been adopted. Lists of issues prior to reporting had been adopted in respect of Belize and Burkina Faso. The information provided by Turkey in its follow-up report in response to the concluding observations on its initial report had been evaluated.

2. The Committee had held an important meeting with States, at which participants had called for more widespread ratification of the Convention and the creation of synergies with the States parties on implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (Global Compact for Migration) in a manner that was in harmony with the Convention. It had held a dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants, Mr. Felipe Gonzáles Morales, and a videoconference with representatives of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities. Mr. Botero Navarro, Mr. Charef and Ms. Landázuri de Mora had provided updates on the Committee’s draft general comment No 5, on the comparative analysis of the Global Compact for Migration and the Convention, and on the workplan 2018–2020.

3. He was grateful to the Government of Azerbaijan for its generosity in the cause of human rights by hosting an informal meeting of the Committee, to be held in Baku following its thirty-first session, which would be the first meeting of a treaty body outside Geneva. Other important upcoming events included the participation of the treaty body Chairs in the Third Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations, the Committee’s consultations on general comment No. 5 in Mexico City in late September 2019 and the Twelfth Summit Meeting of the Global Forum on Migration and Development in Quito in November 2019.

4. To conclude, he wished to thank the departing members, Ms. Dzumhur, Ms. Landázuri de Mora, Mr. El-Borai and Mr. Núñez-Melgar Maguiña, for their contribution to the work of the Committee. Since he himself, as Chair, would also be departing, it had been decided, pursuant to informal consultations, that Mr. Ünver would serve as acting Chair until the session of April 2020.

Closure of the session

5. After the customary exchange of courtesies, the Chair declared the thirty-first session of the Committee closed.

The meeting rose at 3.40 p.m.