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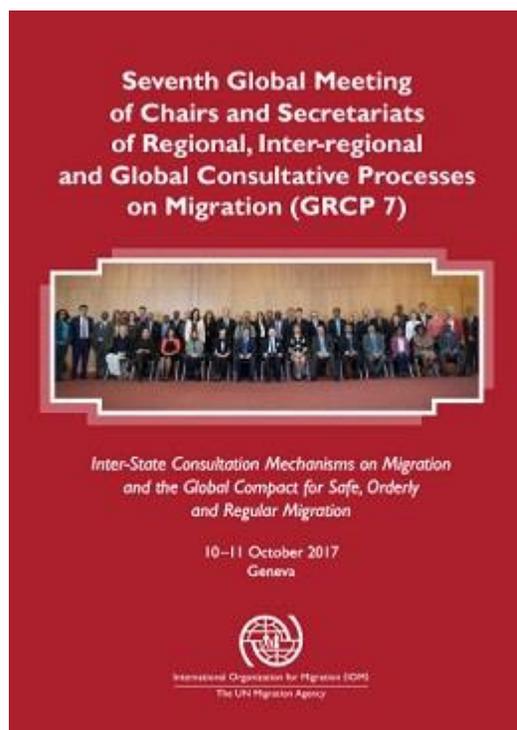
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# GLOBAL SPOTLIGHT

## IOM published Summary Report on the Seventh Global Meeting of RCPs on migration

IOM, the UN Migration Agency, hosted the Seventh Global Meeting of Chairs and Secretariats of Regional, Interregional and Global Consultative Processes on Migration (GRCP 7) in Geneva back in October 2017. The recently published Summary Report illustrates the role of Inter-State Consultation Mechanisms (ISCMs) in the implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration and highlights the main inputs and recommendations to the Global Compact from ISCMs and their main regional partners, the regional economic organizations and UN regional commissions.

**The full Report is available at the following link** ➡

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# EU SPOTLIGHT

## European Commission to improve statistics on migration and international protection

Eurostat has identified the need for more detailed, frequent and timely statistics on asylum and managed migration. These statistics would contribute to a more comprehensive and regular overview of the situation in the respective areas. The proposal adopted on 16 May fills the most urgent gaps.

**How exactly the above-mentioned document aims to improve statistics? Brief but informative answer is here** ➡

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## German Government approves new refugee family reunification law

The German Government has approved legislation allowing refugees with so-called "subsidiary" status to bring their direct relatives to Germany. German Chancellor Angela Merkel's Cabinet on 9 May voted to resettle an additional 1,000 migrants per month, provided they are the direct relatives of refugees already living in Germany.

**What does the new family reunification law grant? Six main changes are listed in our news update** ➡

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**ARMENIA |** 18/05/18

## European Parliament Members back EU partnership agreement with Armenia

On 16 May, Members of the European Parliament responsible for foreign affairs issues gave their consent to the EU-Armenia comprehensive and enhanced partnership agreement, opening up the possibility for deeper cooperation in different sectors.

**For further information, please follow this link** ➡

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**AZERBAIJAN |** 03/05/18

## ASAN Visa System to start granting e-visas to the nationals of 15 additional countries

According to the Chairman of the State Agency for Public Service and Social Innovations under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, about 420,000 foreigners have already been granted an electronic visa through the ASAN Visa System. Starting from 15 May, citizens of 15 more countries will be granted electronic visas directly at airports of Azerbaijan.

**Curious to know what countries are on the list? The answer is here** ➡

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**BELARUS |** 18/05/18

## Belarus selects supplier of hardware and software to produce biometric documents

The enterprise Cryptotech of the Mint Department of the Belarusian Finance Ministry signed a contract with the consortium of Emperor Technology (China) and X Infotech (Latvia) on purchasing equipment and software for producing biometric documents in Belarus. Identification cards will be introduced in Belarus as a personal identification document for domestic purposes. Biometric passports will be used for foreign travels.

**For further information, please follow this link** ➡

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**GEORGIA** 10/05/18

## Georgian Government prepares legislative amendments to address irregular migration

The Ministry of Justice of Georgia prepared law amendments aimed to tackle irregular immigration. The Georgian Prime Minister Giorgi Kvirikashvili stated that the reason is that some foreign nationals violate the law and benefit from Georgia's loyal migration policy.

**What exactly will change for foreign nationals wishing to reside in Georgia? The answer is available at the following link** ➡

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## Customs services to be digitized in the Republic of Moldova

On 25 May, the Customs Service of the Republic of Moldova informed that it begun the process of automatization of all its activities, including administrative ones. Digitization will be carried out gradually.

**It is planned to start out with the selection of five vital fields for the customs activity. Learn what will be done after that by following the link** ➡

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## The Government of Ukraine introduces smart ID residence permits

Starting from 1 June 2018, permanent residence permits will be issued to foreigners and stateless persons in the form of contactless smart ID cards. The Government also approved the sample and technical description of the form for the permanent residence permits and the procedures for processing, issuing, replacing, withdrawing, invalidating, and annulling them.

**You may find the main technicalities of new ID cards here** ➡

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