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GFMD 2016 Chair His Excellency Ambassador Shahidul Haque,
Distinguished Participants and Colleagues,

I have the honor and privilege to be with you today to take stock of the Global Migration Compact preparations within the GFMD framework.

Let me first underline that we strongly support GFMD to engage actively in the discussion towards the Global Compact as the most adequate platform in terms of expertise and ability on migration issues. I would like to thank the Bangladeshi Chair to take the lead in involving the Forum in this discussion.

Over the last year our efforts have paved the way for migration to become a full fledged agenda item of UN meetings at different levels. Obviously, the most stunning gathering has been the Summit for Refugees and Migrants of 19 September which brought together leaders around the globe. The Summit produced the New York Declaration as a concrete driving force in addressing our commitments towards refugees and migrants. We are pleased that the follow-up of the New York Declaration has been launched without delay. Now it is time for action not only by our proper means as states individually, but also through our existing mechanisms such as the GFMD, and specialized bodies such as IOM which has recently become a related organization to the UN. Also UNHCR will for sure play a crucial role in making this exercise a success. We attach utmost importance to the two Global Compacts on Migrants and Refugees and ready to extend support to IOM and UNHCR in this task. Turkey, given her wide experience about refugees and migrants, can bring an added value to the negotiations conducting to the adoption of these two documents. We are ready to take part in the dicussions.

When we look at our calendar ahead of us, we should work together on following issues:

First, the GFMD Summit in Dakka to be organized in December can serve a unique opportunity to hold a first high level discussion about Global Compact following the Summit of 19 September. Three broad streams of human mobility indicated in the Concept Paper as *migration and development*, *irregular migration* and *forced migration/displacement* can shape this discussion. During the Summit, we will attend the side event on the business mechanism together with Sweden and Switzerland. The business mechanism established by the GFMD Turkish Chair can feed into the Global Compact preparations.

Second, the modalities of the intergovernmental conference of 2018 should be determined by co-facilitators Mexico and Switzerland by the end of January. IOM, as the lead agency on migration, have an important role to play for the Global Compact. GFMD can provide input for the modalities.

Third, Germany as the next GFMD Chair together with Morocco will assume the G20 Presidency as of January 2017. This will be an important opportunity to create synergies between G20 and GFMD. As you will remember, Turkey's GFMD and G20 Chairmanships also coincided and for the first time we have included migration issue in the G20 agenda. During German Chairmanship, Global Compact discussion can be brought to the agenda of G20. GFMD Troika can assume a leading role in the discussion on this issue during G20 Summit.

We believe that we should make use of all the existing platforms on migration to make the Global Compact a success. As the Chair of the Budapest Process, we are ready to include this mechanism to the discussion as well.

Dear Participants,

Our utmost objective for the next two years should be to make GFMD a guiding mechanism in the Global Compact preparations. As a member of the GFMD Troika, Turkey is ready to extend any support and assistance to Bangladeshi Chair and to the upcoming Co-Chairs Germany and Morocco. Considering past examples, formation of an inclusive bureau with cross-regional representation to steer the work towards the Global Compact can be explored. Global Compact will shed light on the endeavors of the whole international community on migration issues. It is crucial for GFMD to be part of it not only for making Global Compact a comprehensive and inclusive document but also for the future of the Forum. To this end, Turkey, as the largest refugee-hosting country, will continue sharing its experience and best practices within the GFMD.

Thank you.