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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines to the United Nations Office and other International Organization presents its compliments to the Global Forum on Migration and Development Support Unit and, with reference to the *Eleventh Global Forum on Migration and Development Summit Meeting* scheduled on 5-7 December 2018 in Marrakesh, Morocco, and the Unit's email dated 18 December 2018, has the honor to forward a copy of the statement delivered by Ambassador Evan P. Garcia during the Future of the Forum held during the Eleventh GFMD Summit Meeting on 07 December 2018 in Marrakesh, Morocco.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew with the Global Forum on Migration and Development Support Unit the assurances of its highest consideration.

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**Future of the Forum
11th Global Forum on Migration and Development Summit Meeting
07 December 2018
Marrakesh, Morocco**

Intervention of Ambassador Evan P. Garcia (as delivered)

Thank you to the previous speakers. Now is not the time to slow down. This is not the time for migration dialogue fatigue. We must push forward and the best way to advance implementation and acceptance as he said (referring to the previous speaker) is to get on with the job and doing it on the ground...for this purpose it is essential that all relevant parties should continue using the momentum of the GCM to maintain the dialogue..to maintain the dialogue on this issue before it is lost in the pile of all other international issues. So on this regard we think there are three (3) broad things that have to be done that involves all actors in different capacities and in line with their respective specialties. First we have to deepen the engagement, but this time on the implementation of the GCM. The GCM has grown up. We have to look forward together on how to best implement it and of course, implementation will depend on specific particularities or localities in communities. Second, we have to deepen the quality of information and research that shows the positive aspects of migration and how to address negative aspects of migration. On the basis of this deepened quality, we can sharpen our message on how useful migration is...on how this is a win win situation for all those concerned, including the communities that feel they may be left behind. And finally, there is something that can be done by Member States, international organizations and anybody interested in and supportive of a positive approach to global migration governance, and that is to intensify our public outreach to our separate publics. We will have separate publics and some of them are those who are doubtful or in fear or otherwise filled with uncertainty so let us intensify our outreach to all actors. And for that purpose, the GFMD with its multi-stakeholders spirit, is an ideal instrument that should be logically promoted.



Ambassador Evan P. Garcia, Permanent Representative to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva delivering his intervention during the Future of the Forum of the 11th Global Forum on Migration and Development Summit Meeting held on 07 December 2018 in Marrakesh, Morocco. Ambassador Garcia emphasized the need to echo the positive impact of migration through the implementation of the Global Compact on the safe, orderly and regular migration and the Global Forum on Migration and Development.