



Republic of Zambia

STATEMENT ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF ALL MIGRANTS, SOCIAL INCLUSION, COHESION AND ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION, INCLUDING RACISM, XENOPHOBIA AND INTOLERANCE DELIVERED AT THE THEMATIC WORKSHOP OF THE GLOBAL FORUM ON MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT -6TH SEPTMEBER, 2017, VIENNA

Thank you, Chair for giving me the floor,

Speaking on behalf of my delegation. I wish to commend Morocco and German for convening the meeting and facilitating Zambia's participation. I also wish to thank the presenters for bringing out some of the issues needing our attention.

Chair, the debate discussing the plight of causes of large movements of refugees and migrants, have come a long way with a number of the United Nations documents among them the Agenda 2030 and 2016 New York Declaration for refugees and migrants have provided a framework to address a number of issues related to migration and development.

We are happy to see the results of the works of the GFMD and looking forward to having our collective voice as friends of the forum be incorporated in the Global Compact to ensure that there is a renewed global commitment from member states to address large movements of refugees and migrants.

Chair, having stated the above, am now inclined to make an attempt to answer the questions that have been put before the meeting;

With regards to how can the GCM facilitate sustainable implementation of commitments in international standards and frameworks related to the topics covered by this thematic cluster?

Our submission to this chair is that there is need to have an inbuilt review mechanism within the Global Compact for member states must subscribe to.

As for the question on how can the GCM further advance relevant recommendations and good practices shared within the GFMD and affirmed in several United Nations documents, notably the Sutherland Report, the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants and the latest Report of the Secretary General on Migration?

The recommendations should be the guidelines for the Global Compact which the States should follow seeing that there is the political will and we would further encourage stakeholders to make follow up on States commitments.

With respect to the challenges not yet covered by existing international standards and frameworks and therefore require specific emphasis by the GCM?

The challenge is how to combat organized crimes of human trafficking and smuggling. As you may wish to note Chair, despite the discussion that we have had over the past years the problem of irregular migration has continued to grow and the preparators are not prosecuted.

In conclusion Chair,

We recommend that States ensure that the human rights, safety and dignity of refugees and migrants are upheld at all times regardless of their migration status. Further, there is need to address the causes of irregular movements as a way of protecting those who are compelled to undertake such journeys, and preventing the discrimination and countering the xenophobia they frequently encounter. Lastly, we thereof appeal to States to take up refugees as a means of burden sharing.

A more predictable and equitable way of responding to large movements of refugees is called for through the adoption of a global compact on responsibility-sharing for refugees, and the elements of a comprehensive response plan for refugees are set out.

Lastly, we appeal for strengthening the global governance of migration through the development of a global compact for safe, regular and orderly migration, in a process to being initiated now and to be realized years to come.

I THANK YOU

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