



**MYCP Statement at the FoF**

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Dear excellencies,

On behalf of the Migration Youth & Children Platform, I wanted to express our delight to be here. We congratulate the chair, the GFMD team, all Friends of the Forum, as well as our fellow stakeholders in the progress thus far, including on the recent workshops on climate mobility and labour migration, the report to the HLPF, the ITAC campaign, to all of which we have been able to contribute. We are excited to see such diverse and interesting events are taking shape, and we are committed to supporting the Chair and mechanisms in making this GFMD chairmanship an innovative and engaging success.

MYCP seeks to continue our mission of facilitating the meaningful participation and engagement of young people in all GFMD discussions and activities. We wish to thank the Chair for your generous financial support that will allow us to maintain high level of engagement and facilitate the participation of all youth, in particular the ones from underrepresented and marginalized communities.

In this update, we would like to confirm our activities in the lead up to the Summit and indicate where further support is welcome.

Firstly, as is a core part of our mandate, we are looking to continue the legacy of successful Migration Youth Forums by hosting the 4th Global Migration Youth Forum as the official youth preparatory space for the GFMD Summit. This has been a crucial platform for youth to prepare to enter the world of the GFMD intergovernmental process, as well as consolidate and exchange priorities, recommendations, youth-led solutions and best practices, and has been key to delivering on a strong, inspirational and substantive youth presence. The Youth Forum will take place in person, directly before the Summit, to allow for further participation of youth in the GRTs. To this end, we would welcome the contributions of all GFMD members to support the participation of young people in the YF. A significant portion of the costs are to support travel and accommodation for “sponsored participants”. As such, we will very much welcome the participation of youth delegates from your States to attend the Forum, as well as your support to allow for participation of youth from underrepresented backgrounds.

Secondly, we are excited to confirm the Youth Leadership and Innovation Award, an initiative promoting and providing seed funding for diverse and scalable youth innovations addressing global challenges. This edition's categories will be, in line with the GFMD priorities, Climate Mobility, Diaspora engagement, and Migrant's health and access to rights. Together with our key allies IOM, UNICEF, and Migration Working Group from Columbia university, we are looking for even more partners that could provide mentorship and capacity building for the Award finalists. Some of you may remember the success of the 1st edition that was hosted during the UAE chairmanship, and those winners have gone on to scale their xenophobia data



analysis and solutions to further countries, launch a mobile app providing training and resources for educators of migrant children with disabilities, and open a restaurant providing employment and skills training to migrants. We look forward to continuing the success of the 1st edition of the Award and scaling the impact of youth across the world, and invite all interested Member States and stakeholders to join us.

Finally, throughout the chairmanship, we are going to assure synergies between the various workstreams we are engaged in as a constituency, including the GCM and COP28 processes. Our goal is to make sure that GFMD discussions build on youth priorities and key messages raised in other spaces.

We offer you our sincerest gratitude in advance for your consideration. Once again, thank you to the chairs for your willingness to engage youth and the mechanisms in plans and direction, and, together with the mechanisms, we again very much look forward to working with you in the coming months.