

**Special Session on the Future of the Forum
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**Intervention by Head of Delegation of The Republic of Indonesia
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Excellencies Mr. Gotz Schmidt-Bremme, Mr. El Habib Nadir, Ms. Louise Arbour, Mr. Antonio Vitorino,
Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

First of all, allow me to express my appreciation for the achievements of GFMD's deliberation in the past two years, which could not be done without the Co-Chairs, Germany and Morocco. Of course I would be amiss if I do not thank the government of Morocco for its warm hospitality. I would also like to thank Ambassador Eduard Gnesa and Ambassador Esteban Conejos Jr. for their very insightful presentations.

Excellencies, Ladies and gentlemen,
As we embrace this historical moment where we will be witnessing the adoption of the global compact on safe, orderly and regular migration (GCM), the role of the GFMD has never been more relevant. In this context, I would like to share the view of my delegation regarding GFMD's future.

First, in line with the Sutherland report, my delegation envisages the GFMD to **serve as the terrain for coalition-building for concrete actions**, in order to bring the GCM to life. All these years, the GFMD has done a wonderful job in building trust amongst relevant stakeholders and we wish to see it continue doing so in the light of GCM implementation. The GFMD shall continue to be a Forum for creativity and partnerships, not a place for accountability-seeking. This is also in accordance with the GFMD's vital role as stated in the GCM - to provide a space for annual informal exchanges on the implementation of the GCM, and report the findings, best practices and innovative approaches to the International Migration Review Forum.

Therefore, we shall ensure that the GFMD lives up to its expectations in supporting the GCM.

This is even more relevant as we witness the growing domestic pressure that has led to the hesitation of some countries to sign the Global Compact. The GFMD could encourage trust-building measures among governments and other stakeholders by providing the needed rooms for dialogues and discussions among stakeholders.

Second, as the migration issue involves a multi-stakeholder approach, the GFMD should continue and advance the engagement and dialogue among governments, global institutions, civil societies as well as business communities as it carries out its role as a marketplace for partnerships. The GFMD has been a champion in this aspect and we would like it to flourish even more. But to ensure that this role is effectively played, my delegation would like to support the recommendation stated in the GFMD Review, which is to create designated oversight structures for Partnerships and Review by assigning the Ad Hoc Working Group on the 2030 Agenda and GCM to take responsibility for overseeing the GFMD's enhance role in promoting partnerships and facilitating a meaningful review of progress towards agreed commitments.

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Before I conclude, let me congratulate Delegates of Ecuador, as our new GFMD's Chair and I am convince that the Ecuadorian leadership will successfully pave the way for the GFMDs fruitful contribution to the implementation of GCM. Rest assure that we are ready to work with you in this endeavor.

I thank you.