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PANEL 1 – Smuggling of migrants

Thank you Mr. Moderator and the panelists.

We believe that coherent, comprehensive and coordinated approaches should be developed on national, regional and international level to settle the problem of smuggling of migrants. Global and regional migration trends and national sustainable development goals should be properly taken into account.

Belarus supports the reliable data collection and research on the smuggling of migrants in order to anticipate crisis situations. We also underscore that Global People's Smuggling Reports with recommendations how to respond to this challenge are needed.

We believe that specialized training for law enforcement, immigration and border control officials and coastguard personnel, as well as forensic experts, prosecutors and judges, exchange information on best practices is necessary to promote

cooperation to prevent and combat the smuggling of migrants. We are in favor of establishment of the Network of International Training Centers to combat peoples' smuggling and trafficking.

Belarus believes that increased efforts to combat the root socioeconomic causes of the smuggling of migrants are needed. States need to ensure sustainable development, to prevent the emergence of conflicts, to fight poverty, to improve the resilience to disasters.

Finally, Belarus believes that technical assistance aimed at strengthening the national capacity to criminalize, investigate and prosecute the smuggling of migrants is important, including to respond to unforeseen needs in this field.

Thank you.