

**Intervention by the Indonesian Delegation in  
Panel I: Global, regional and national Perspective  
Retrospective Session: Looking back on Phase I**

**Preparatory (Stocktaking) Meeting on the GCM  
Puerto Vallarta, December 4, 2017**

Mr. Chair,

At the outset, let me express profound appreciation to the organizers for having this preparatory-stocktaking meeting on *Global Compact for Migration (GCM)* in a sunny, nice and warm place as Puerto Vallarta. I believe that the ambiance will contribute positively towards our efforts in building the common trust and understanding towards successful negotiation phase that will commence early next year.

We sincerely appreciate also you and your team's tireless efforts in bringing together all relevant actors during the multi stakeholders consultation phase throughout this year, by conducting six informal thematic sessions on facilitating safe, orderly and regular migration. During this first phase, our conscious was wide-awaken that the lack of coherent global management of migration has resulted in large flows of irregular migration, risking lives and undermining state sovereignty. The New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants expresses the political will of world leaders to save lives and protect human rights of migrants, regardless of their migration status, as well as share responsibility at the global scale.

Building on these commitments, Indonesia sees GCM as an opportunity to build international consensus for practical action to address global movement of people and promote well-managed migration. Being a sending and receiving country at the same time, we stand ready to share our perspectives on the protection of migrant, including migrant workers workers and their families, at the thematic Action Group discussions tomorrow. We would also like to highlight some principles contained in our newly-enacted national legislation regarding the Protection of Migrant Workers, as well as ASEAN Consensus on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrants Workers.

Mr. Chair,

Indonesia welcome with satisfaction the Asia-Pacific regional consultation on GCM held by UN ESCAP in Bangkok last month, in which we were discussing dynamics and trends of migration in the region. The Asia-Pacific has its unique opportunities and challenges. The region has a long history of hosting displaced people, home to 7.7 million migrants in vulnerable situations, including 3.5 million refugees and 1.9 million internally displaced people, while labour migration continues to be a significant contributor to economic growth and stability in the region.

Allow me to underscore that Indonesia will continuously highlights the importance of regional framework in addressing the migration issues and consistently emphasized the need to built cooperation among the origin, transit, and host countries to find solutions which address irregular migration.

It was underlined that the dominant feature of migration in Asia Pacific is economic migration, where people move from one country to another seeking for better economic and social opportunities. In this sense, Indonesia is of the view that the GCM should reflect the trend of economic migration, and re-emphasized the need to strengthen protection to migrant workers, including women migrant workers and domestic workers, in line with our global commitment to human rights.

I thank you.