

ILO Statement to the GCM session on the Regional Dimension

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Mr Chair,

Please allow me to concentrate on 5 very concrete actionable commitments as that could be considered as part of the GCM:

First on Fair Migration and Decent Work

- Need to enhance commitment at regional level to ensuring implementation of ILO fundamental principles and rights at work, promoting migrant workers' ability to organize, be represented and participate in trade union organisations, irrespective of their immigration status, and to combat discrimination, child Labour and forced labour
- Ratifying and effectively implementing all relevant ILO Conventions, including Migration for Employment Convention No 97 and the Migrant Workers,

Second, on Fair recruitment oversight and practice.

- Adopting fair recruitment mechanisms and processes across migration corridors based on ILO's fair recruitment guidelines
- Eliminating by 2030 worker-paid recruitment fees in-line with the SDGs.

Third, on Skills development and recognition.

- Adopting skills recognition mechanisms for skills acquired formally or non-formally, including at the sectoral level and across migration corridors.
- Establishing regional skills partnerships involving relevant government institutions, business, workers and employers' organisations to facilitate skills recognition and support integration and reintegration of migrant workers returning home.

Fourth, on Social protection

- Establishing non-discriminatory national social protection systems, including social protection floors for migrant workers.
- Adopting and implementing bilateral and multilateral social security agreements to ensure the portability of social security entitlement and benefits (acquired and in course of acquisition).

Finally, on Data and information,

- It is fundamental to invest in Internationally comparable sex- and age- disaggregated data and statistics on labour migration should be collected, compiled, managed and disseminated.

Thank you.