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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Office of the United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary-General for International Migration and, with reference to the latter's note verbal SRSG Migration/2017/21/7 of 21 July 2017, has the honour to submit herewith an input from the State Migration Service of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the Secretary-General's report on the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the Office of the United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary-General for International Migration the assurances of its highest consideration. *H.M.*

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Recommendations of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration

From the very beginning, the Government of Azerbaijan has been strongly committed to the Global Compact on Migration (GCM). The delegation representing the Republic of Azerbaijan participated at the high-level Summit of the UN General Assembly “Addressing large movements of refugees and migrants” in New York, in addition, in the event “Strengthening international cooperation on governance of migration towards the adoption of a global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration in 2018”, held on 18-19 April 2017 in New York in the framework of the International Dialogue on Migration organized by the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

Furthermore, State Migration Service of the Republic of Azerbaijan partnered with IOM Azerbaijan to organize a total of six one-day consultation sessions on the GCM. The national consultations covered the areas such as protection of migrants in crises, migration, environment and climate change, migrants' health, comprehensive and effective policies and practice in managing migration, protection of rights of migrants, combatting trafficking in human beings and migrant smuggling and had the participation of a wide range of State agencies, academia, civil society and media.

Taking into account the Sustainable Development Goals, it is recommended to include the following areas in the draft of the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration besides the elements as referred in Annex II of New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants:

- Protection of migrants' health;
- Support to the solution of the problems of the persons who were exposed to forced migration as a result of conflicts;
- Support to the countries of origin to eliminate the root causes of illegal migration, trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants.

Furthermore, it is suggested to add the following actionable commitments to the GCM to be prepared:

- To give migration a more prominent role in education, both as a topic in existing education curricula, and as a specialized subject within the higher education;
- To involve private sector in combating trafficking by broadening the knowledge about counter trafficking, including how to decrease the demand for services provided by victims of trafficking;
- To enhance international cooperation to effectively manage and link supply and demand of labor in a mutually beneficial way;

- To reinforce the element of migrants in countries of crisis by the states in their policies, strategies and actions;
- To realize targeted awareness raising and training for migrants on how to react in the situation of crisis;
- To further intensify interagency cooperation on migration, environmental and climate change issues both nationally and globally;
- To organize awareness raising measures by states on rights and obligations for migrants through use of mass media, social media and information provided at border crossing points;
- To support diaspora and civil society in raising the awareness of migrants on their rights and obligations;
- To introduce or enhance health policies by states which facilitate equal access regardless of migration status to primary health care without fear of deportation.

In order to monitor execution of goals and targets of GCM it is suggested to identify special indicators, by the states. These indicators should consider national and regional conditions.