



Statement of H.E. Ambassador DUONG Chi Dung,

Permanent Representative of Viet Nam

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Mr. Chairman,

I would like, first of all, to congratulate you for your election to the Chair of this Council. Our congratulations also go to the Ambassadors of Denmark, Philipinnes and Mexico for their election as vice-chair and rapporteur of this Council bureau. We look forward to work closely with you for the success of this Council Meeting.

I would like to congratulate and welcome Director General Antonio Vitorino to his first Council meeting and assure him of our full support to his leadership.

Viet Nam warmly welcomes the Republic of Uzbekistan as the new IOM member and the International Monetary Fund and the International Emergency and Development Aid as observers of IOM.

Mr. Chairman, distinguished delegates,

Human mobility, international migration continue to be a dynamic and complex phenomenon in today's context of globalisation and integration. Despite challenges, we recognized the positive contribution of migrants to the economic and sustainable development of countries of origin and receiving countries. Promoting regular migration, especially labour migration and protecting migrant rights, while combatting irregular migration thus became a priority of global governance. We can all agree that no country could manage migration alone and that international

cooperation is vital and needed for the effective migration governance. In this spirit, we are encouraged to see that the IOM has become a global leader on migration and further enhanced its capacity to overcome today's challenges. Viet Nam appreciates IOM's constructive role in and contribution to the consultation process of the Global Compact on Migration. In this regard, Viet Nam believes that IOM's expertise and dynamism would be an important asset for the future Global Compact implementation. The adoption of the Global Compact is just the beginning of a new era for cooperation and Viet Nam stands ready to actively contribute to the successful international migration governance.

As mainly a country of origin with about 500.000 workers abroad, Viet Nam attaches great importance in the promotion of regular, safe and orderly migration and protecting the legitimate rights and interest of migrant workers, especially Vietnamese migrant workers. Viet Nam has actively participated in regional consultative processes, including the Colombo Process, the Abu Dhabi Dialogue and actively contributed to the process of drafting of the GCM. We are pleased to see that safe labour migration has been one of the main focuses of the draft Global compact. We believe that regional cooperation framework such as the Colombo Process and the Abud Dhabi Dialogue continue to play an important role in the implementation of the future Global Compact.

Mr. Chairman,

Viet Nam highly appreciate the cooperation, support and expertise of the IOM in developing capacity for related Vietnamese governmental agencies. On 5th September 2018, Viet Nam and the IOM have officially kicked off the joint project on strengthening the citizen protection capacity in crisis abroad with the aim to establish a consular crisis mechanism to better assist Vietnamese nationals caught by crisis abroad while enhancing the capacity of the consular staff in citizen protection. Earlier this year, in april 2018, the Vietnamese Association of Manpower Supply (VAMAS), in collaboration with the IOM, has also presented the new updated code of conduct and monitoring tool for recruitment

agencies to promote responsible and ethical recruitment and better protect the legitimate rights of migrant workers.

Mr. Chairman,

We look forward to further strengthen the long-standing, close and fruitful cooperation with the IOM in the years ahead.

I thank you Mr. Chairman./.