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*Mr. Chair,
Distinguished delegates,
Ladies and gentlemen,*

It is my honor to attend this historical event as it marks the 60th anniversary of the International Organization for Migration (IOM). Let me join others in commending the successful work done so far by the IOM in developing the orderly, humane management of migration and promoting international cooperation on migration issues. I am convinced that our today's session, namely "Migration for the Benefit of All" will serve as a platform for Member States to share best practices, lessons-learned on migration management and shape our thinking on ways forward.

*Distinguished delegates,
Ladies and gentlemen,*

I share many of the views made earlier that rising levels of migration as well as its increasingly complex and unpredictable pattern marked by economic globalization are creating numerous challenges and making migration management more and more difficult.

Taking stock of the transnational nature of migration and its relationship to issues such as security, social, political, and economic stability, trade, employment..., Viet Nam is of the view that, while policies regarding international migration remain largely a matter of sovereign prerogative, there are natural differences in migration interests between countries both in developed and developing regions. Therefore, migration cannot be managed effectively through national measures alone, but through collective efforts at the regional and global level.

With that, I wish to share with you Viet Nam's migration experiences and our views on how to address the complexity of migratory movements within and across regions.

*Distinguished delegates,
Ladies and gentlemen,*

As a country experiencing increasing migration and mobility, with greater numbers of labor migrants, travellers and internal migrants, Viet Nam has always attached great importance to promoting orderly and humane international migration, and providing assistance to vulnerable migrants as well as victims of trafficking in persons, especially women and children. We have been working very closely with IOM in various migration-related projects, including the development of Vietnam migration profile - the first-ever national migration profile in Asia, and in the One UN Initiative in Viet Nam. Our priority is given to building migration into our

development strategies and making explicit linkages between labor migration and poverty reduction by including migration in our Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers.

From our own migration experiences and concerns, I would like to make the following recommendations for the future work of IOM and for our common endeavors to address the challenges and opportunities of migration:

First, IOM should play a crucial role in promoting capacity building, data collection and cooperation among Member States with a view to protecting migrants. International cooperation and assistance are critical for the success of relevant countries in maximizing the development aspects of migration and minimize its adverse impacts,.

Second, In terms of migration management, for irregular migration to be reduced or prevented, it is very important to foster dialogue between countries of origin and countries of destination to promote legal migration channels and enhance the coherence in policy-making.

Third, Member States should make headway in raising awareness of the international community with a view to fully implementing existing international legal instruments that protect migrants and facilitate their participation as well as their integration in society.

Thank you for your attention.