



**Statement by H.E. Dr. LE Thi Tuyet Mai
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Madam Chair

We would like to join other Delegations in warmly congratulating you as the Chair of the Council and newly elected members of the Council Bureau and Her Excellency Amy Pope on the assumption of the position of the Director-General of the IOM. I firmly believe that under the able leadership of the Director General and the Council Bureau, our Session will continue to advance the work of the IOM of promoting regular, safe and orderly migration.

Madam Chair, Director-General

Viet Nam highly appreciates IOM's leading role in addressing migration challenges and strengthening well management of migration, to make migration work for all. We also acknowledge the efforts by the IOM in its role as the Coordinator and the Secretariat of the United Nations Network on Migration.

This is the 4th year Viet Nam has implemented the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) with concrete programmes under our National Plan as well as concrete plans of relevant ministries and local authorities. Viet Nam has also actively participated in the 4-year-review of the GCM implementation and is currently preparing for the second mid-term review next year.

Viet Nam thanks the IOM for its invaluable support for our implementation of the GCM, with the annual review mechanism jointly established by Viet Nam and the IOM. The two sides have also discussed in-depth to find solutions and direction to enhance the implementation of GCM's urgent goals while taking into account Viet Nam's situation.

The IOM has also assisted Viet Nam with several programs to improve migration management capacity, notably the third edition of the Migration Profile (period 2017-2022) and the implementation of the Asian Migration Program Framework for the period of 2023-2025. These important support and cooperation have contributed significantly to the realization of the GCM at the national and regional levels, enhanced the role of migration in sustainable development and promoted the protection of migrants.

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Viet Nam shares concerns of challenges of migration, especially the fact that online fraud related to illegal migrant smuggling and human trafficking is becoming an increasingly serious challenge for Viet Nam and other countries.

For example, in the case of 303 Sri Lankan citizens in distress at sea in our region, many of these people are victims of migrant smuggling. Regarding this case, IOM, Viet Nam and relevant organizations have coordinated timely and effectively in providing them humanitarian assistance during 2022-2023.

Madam Chair, Director-General

As we have passed the halfway point in the journey to implement SDGs including migration-related SDG targets and we are approaching the second Mid-term review of the GCM implementation, we would like to propose the following recommendations:

First, we should maintain a cooperative and multilateral approach to address migration issues with the IOM plays the central role in strengthening global migration management based on GCM's pillars.

Second, we should thoroughly assess and review the challenges to migration that are currently emerging in various regions, including the issue of climate change as we are discussing in the High-Level Meeting to identify priority measures, for promoting cooperation to resolve migration challenges in all aspects, especially challenges related to technology and climate change.

Third, we should continue to promote the practical implementation of the GCM on global scale. We encourage the IOM to continue to strengthen its role as Coordinator, helping to connect and build partnerships in implementing the GCM, especially between countries of origin and countries of destination to create a truly safe migration corridor for the legitimate rights and interests of migrants.

Before concluding my statement, I would like to reaffirm Viet Nam's support to the efforts by the IOM and its member states, particularly the efforts of the Director General to improve the IOM's efficiency. We believe that the long-term partnership between Viet Nam and IOM will continue to thrive in the coming years and would like to sincerely thank the IOM and its staff, including the IOM Mission in Viet Nam for those joint efforts.

I thank you, Madam Chair.
