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Excellency Chairman,

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Cambodia very appreciates the leadership of the former Chairman and congratulates the selection of new chairman and team to continue leading the coming activity plan to solve migration issues globally. Cambodia has a longstanding collaboration with IOM in many aspects, especially during and after Covid 19, to respond to the vulnerability and needs of returning migrants from high-risk situation, where there were more than 300,000 migrants returned, while they lost their jobs, and needed supports to survive, including healthcare, incomes, community support, capacity building to service providers to challenge with the worse situation impacted by Covid 19, and to improve the border management for crossing border flow. Through the one year Joint program between the Government and UN agencies, UNDP, UNICEF, WHO, IOM, under IOM trust fund, could enable migrant communities in 3 provinces to gain basic need supports to be able to enable them to survive and develop a new way of living conditions and replicated the model to other parts of the country.

Being a member state of GCM, and a Champion Country to implement the initiatives of GCM, the Royal Government of Cambodia, has developed and implemented the selected objectives set by GCM which includes: Obj.1 focus on the desegregated data to be shared and used for evidence based policy development; Obj.11 Focus on the border management and Obj.23 focus on International collaboration to ensure safe, regular and orderly migration.. To achieve the objectives, Cambodia, has developed its National Implementation Plan (NIP), which integrated into the 5 year National Strategic Plan for Combating Trafficking in persons, 2024 to 2028, to prevent the vulnerability and victimization by all types of exploitation, trafficking and abuses against migrants.

With support of IOM at country and regional levels, Cambodia has chance to join regional workshops, as well as to promote the bi-lateral and multi-lateral dialogues among relevant countries, especially neighboring countries to improve the implementation of memorandum of understandings (MOUs), Agreements, and Standard of Operation Procedures (SOP), which have been signed, to ensure the proactive actions for preventing risks, to protect and support safe migration during migration cycle, and to protect victims of trafficking in persons.

To promote collaboration, IOM at regional and country offices, have played the coordination role, to facilitate, and to provide technical and financial support among parties to enable dialogues to be taken place and to produce fruitful results. Thus, the IOM supports still be necessary to be continued and strengthened.

Cambodia re-iterate its commitment to fulfill membership roles and support IOM to achieve its perspective and its tremendous plans.

I thank you so much Excellencies.