



**Statement by H.E. Mr. MAI Phan Dung  
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Excellencies, Distinguished delegates,

Migration is an integral part of economic and social life, especially at a time when demographic imbalances and labor shortages are occurring in many parts of the world. Meanwhile, the rise of AI along with the necessity of green transition and net-zero economies are presenting us with new challenges in addressing migration issues.

Viet Nam, currently, is not only a country of origin but also a destination for migrants. According to the newly-published Viet Nam Migration Profile 2023, on average, each year, there are over 100,000 Vietnamese nationals going to work abroad under contracts, more than 10,000 self-funded students studying abroad, and about 90,000 foreign workers are granted work permits. For nearly five years, we have been actively implementing the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly, and Regular Migration (GCM) under our National Plan. We are also accelerating green transition and digital economy.

In this process, human resource development is one of our priorities, and migration plays an essential role in achieving this. Therefore, expanding regular migration pathways while ensuring working conditions and reducing the vulnerability of migrants will contribute to developing and circulating high-quality human resources, creating development momentum for countries of origin and destination.

Looking ahead to the mid-term review in the Asia-Pacific region in 2025 and the International Migration Review Forum in 2026, we would like to put forward the following recommendations:

*First*, we should enhance discussions at bilateral and multilateral levels on effective and responsible measures to expand safe and regular migration pathways, focusing on areas that promote green transition.

*Second*, it is critical to address migration challenges comprehensively, based on whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches, engaging the private sector and taking into account the youth, particularly in the context of

unsafe migration and human trafficking for forced criminality at online scams centers, targeting young people.

*Third*, we should promote stronger cooperation among countries of origin, transit, and destination to establish safe and regular migration corridors, address the root causes of migration, in line with the cooperation frameworks that we are working to implement, including the GCM.

Viet Nam highly appreciates IOM's cooperation and support provided to Viet Nam and other Member States over time and looks forward to IOM's continued central role in fostering partnerships to make migration work for all. Viet Nam remains committed to working closely with the IOM and other Member States in promoting regular, safe, and orderly migration in the context of ongoing green transition and fully supports IOM's efforts in such areas.

I thank you./.