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Excellency Chairman of the Council.
Excellency Director General of the International Organization for Migration ,
Excellencies representatives of member States,
Distinguish guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

First of all, on behalf of the Royal Government of Cambodia, I have the honour to congratulate the 115th Session of the Council, in the year 2024, at the International Conference Centre Geneva, CICG.

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

In the last few decades, Migration is not only the right to movement of people to seek for better places for living, or better jobs for making incomes, but it becomes a global issue and combines seriously with a huge risky situation including many types of crimes against displaced groups as well as to create more burden to all countries to be solved and responsible for. In present time, many migrants are not always have the willing to migrate, but mostly fall into the type of forced migration, due to the worst situation faced at their location caused by natural disasters, violation, as well as internal conflicts and various serious wars and affect to the global economic crisis.

Many migrants do not have enough understanding and available time to access to legal documents nor permission, as well as to access to expected jobs nor spaces for living. Moreover, their children are also faced more dangerous situation as they are lacking of protection, care and education as well as they have no own identity in other country and will become stateless people which enable criminals to have more opportunity to exploit them easily.

Recently, many criminal networks have various tricks to deceived those migrants to be victimized by all forms of transnational crime including human trafficking, sexual exploitation, and other forms of scamming.

Therefore, Cambodia has regulated labor migration from Cambodia abroad and on the other hand is to manage migration flow and combat actively trafficking in persons and various crimes committed by and against migrants who migrate in country. From this high-level segment, the Royal Government of Cambodia calls for IOM to continue supporting member states to solve migration issues, and calls for strong collaboration among relevant countries, both country of origin and destination to prevent and protect those migrants by focusing on common understanding and legal document processing to solve migration issues and to combat transnational crimes together and take action

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for safe migration actively and continuously. As a member of Global Compact for Migration, Cambodia remain commits itself to focus on the implementation the main objectives of GCM to promote safety, regular and orderly migration.

I thank you so much.