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On behalf of the Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training of the Kingdom of Cambodia, I have the honour to brief this Regional Review Meeting the national mechanism currently be in place for better managing migrant workers by making progress and struggling challenges with regard to the implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration including the implications of COVID-19.

Aiming at mitigating the factors hindering people from building sustainable livelihoods in country, to reduce risks of the people at different stages of migration for employment, to address the communities concerns while societies undergoing environmental changes, and to create the conditions facilitating the contributions of migrant workers to the national sustainable development, the Royal Government of Cambodia has made and put in place national mechanism for the management of the migration for employment with a purpose to ensure to that:

- migration for employment is voluntary, regular, safe and orderly;
- migrants are protected through rights-based governance and border management measures;
- integration and contribution of migrant workers to development are supported; and
- public debate and cooperation for safe, orderly and regular migration are strengthened.

In the management of migrant workers in the above purpose, the mechanism that has been made and put in place by the Royal Government of Cambodia can be cited as follow:

- The ministry of Labour and Vocational Training is the leading ministry in the Management of migrant workers in the collaboration with Ministry of Interior and Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. Private sectors are also engaged in this process.
- Employment Policy for Cambodia 2015-2025, TVET Policy for Cambodia 2017-2025, and Labour Migration Policy for Cambodia 2019-2023.
- Labour law, law on Social Security, Criminal law, Law on Anti-trafficking.
- Sub-decree 190 issued in 2011 on the management of Cambodian migrant workers abroad.
- Development Strategic Plan of the Field of Labour and Vocational Training 2019-2023.
- Five-year National Strategic Plan for counter trafficking 2019-2023.
- Bilateral Agreement between Cambodia and receiving country on management of workers.

Besides, regional and international instruments relating to labour migration had also been observed during the establishment process of the national policy, laws and regulations on the management of migrant workers.

For the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration which was adopted in 2018, Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training has taken part implementing its 23 adopted objectives in parallel with relevant national strategic activities and policies. Among these objectives, the first and the twenty third were chosen as prioritized objectives during the first four-year period: (1st): Collect and Utilize accurate and disaggregated data as basis for evidence-based policies; and (23th): Strengthen international cooperation and global partnerships for safe, orderly and regular migration.

All activities of the Ministry within the management of migration for oversea employment shall also participate in the prevention and combating the human trafficking while the Ministry is one of the six sub-committees under the National Committee for Counter Trafficking of Cambodia that is implementing its Five-year National Strategic Plan for counter trafficking 2019-2023.

In the implementation of these objectives of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration as well as the implementation of the Labour Migration Policy for Cambodia 2019-2023, the Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training of Cambodia really needs and welcomes the technical assistances of the International Specialized Organizations and supports from other governments as well as from the development partners for enhancing its efficiency.

Thank you!