

Statement
by the Government of the Republic of Indonesia
at the General Debate in the Asia Pacific Regional Review for the Implementation
of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly & Regular Migration (GCM)
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Honourable Chair,
Excellencies,
Ladies and gentlemen,

1. Being primarily a country of origin, Indonesia is fully committed to ensure that all migrants are safe and protected at all stages of migration:
2. Prior to the adoption of the GCM, Indonesia has implemented the Law, regulations, policies and programs aimed to protect and provide services for Indonesian migrants.
3. Following its adoption, the GCM serves as one of the main frameworks for Indonesia to fulfil the 360-degree vision of international migration.
4. In this matter, we are in the process to develop a National Action Plan of implementing GCM,
 - as a guideline for the government and various stakeholders,
 - to achieve GCM Objectives in a detailed and measurable manner,
 - in accordance with the GCM's whole-of-government and whole-of-society guiding principles.
5. In this regard, we would like to express our appreciation to the UN Network on Migration for developing a Guidance for Implementing the GCM.
6. However, some challenges remain at the national, as well as at the regional level as stated in the Asia-Pacific Migration Report 2020, among others:
 - Lack of systemic data, disaggregated by migration status and other characteristics;
 - Human rights violations, intersecting with challenges such as decent work deficits; and
 - differences in interests between countries of origin, transit and destination regarding shared responsibility.
7. Therefore, we have been amplifying our efforts, among others to:
 - Expand the means to obtain more comprehensive approach for the migration data integration;
 - Raise awareness and share comprehensive information on labour migration process, and provide all-out supporting services to ensure protection;
 - Strengthen collaborative efforts at the bilateral, regional and multilateral levels, as well as with UN entities and other international organizations on broader migration-related topics.

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8. The COVID-19 pandemic has undoubtedly magnified challenges faced by countries in implementing GCM and by migrants due to the restriction of movements and its adverse consequences.
9. We have made our best efforts to overcome these unexpected challenges, among others by:
 - repatriating our nationals;
 - providing basic needs assistance for those affected in the host countries; and
 - intensifying cooperation on consular access.
10. In the multilateral fora, Indonesia has co-chaired the Working Group on the Impacts of COVID-19 on migrants, migration, and development during the last GFMD Summit, along with the Government of Switzerland.
11. Moreover, Indonesia highlighted the critical role of seafarers, which accounts for the movement of more than 80 per cent of global trade, including medical supplies needed during the pandemic.
12. In this relation, as one of the biggest maritime countries, Indonesia has initiated a UN Resolution on international cooperation to protect seafarers during the COVID-19 pandemic adopted in December 2020.
13. To conclude, we would like to reaffirm Indonesia's commitment to strengthen the implementation of the GCM and we look forward for productive discussions during this Regional Review.

Thank you.

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