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AT THE BRIEFING ON THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
ON THE GLOBAL COMPACT FOR SAFE,
ORDERLY AND REGULAR MIGRATION

NEW YORK, 16 FEBRUARY 2022

**Thank you, Mr. President,
His Excellency António Guterres, UN Secretary-General,
Mr. António Vitorino, Executive Director of IOM,**

1. Cambodia aligns itself with the statement delivered by Ecuador on behalf of GCM Champion Countries.
2. At the outset, I would like to extend my deep appreciation to the Secretary-General for his comprehensive report on the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM), outlining the progress and challenges in the implementation of the GCM.
3. It is evident that migrant workers play a critical role in shaping the host country's labor market functioning and contributing to economic growth.
4. Migrant workers are facing numerous challenges, especially the negative impact of the Covid-19 pandemic which place them into intricate situations resulting in job losses, unpaid leave, and prompted home returns. **In this regard, I would like to share the following points:**
5. **First**, we should revive and extend social protection and healthcare services, including reproductive health to migrant workers and families that have been disproportionately affected and already in situations of vulnerability and marginalization. It is absolutely important to ensure that migrant workers are included in the host country's national COVID-19-vaccination plans.
6. **Second**, discrimination, xenophobia, exploitation, and trafficking remain big concerns. To address these problems, fundamental human rights for migrant workers and families must be respected and guaranteed in accordance with international human rights law to allow them to work and live in social harmony wherever they work.
7. **Third**, my Delegation would like to call for the full implementation of target 10.7: Facilitate orderly, safe, regular, and responsible migration and mobility of people, including through implementation of planned and well-managed migration policies of Goal 10 of the SDGs.
8. As one of the Champion Countries, Cambodia strongly supports the GCM. In 2021, we organized the National Consultative Forum engaged with concerned ministries, the IOM and other relevant stakeholders to review the National Strategic Plan (2019-2023), in our efforts to enhance the implementation of the GCM.
9. In conclusion, I would like to congratulate the Permanent Representatives of Bangladesh and Luxembourg, on their appointment as co-facilitators to lead intergovernmental consultations on draft Progress Declaration for the upcoming International Migration Review Forum in May. We strongly hope that the Declaration will gather more international cooperation and support on international migration.
I thank you!