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Thank you chair,

Let me first thank the coordinator and the Network Group for your outstanding work. We very much appreciate the efforts made by the IOM in responding to crisis across many hotspots and the support provided to improve migration governance at national and regional level. We believe that the UN Migration Network hub will play a pivotal role in the implementation of the Global Compact on Migration by providing pertinent information to member States.

My Country, Ethiopia is undertaking various steps towards building better migration management and migration governance frameworks to ensure that migration remains safe, regular and orderly. As a champion country for the implementation for the Global Compact for Migration, Ethiopia is committed to develop ambitious but achievable national responses for the implementation of the Global Compact. In connection to this, Ethiopia has made regular and inclusive reviews of progress at the national level in collaboration with IOM.

Ethiopia has also ratified a new proclamation on Prevention and Suppression of Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling of Persons and established a National Coordination Mechanism (NCM) Secretariat in close coordination with IOM-led UN Network on Migration in Ethiopia. In addition, Ethiopia has commenced developing Migration Governance indicators. Furthermore, based on the GCM principles and objectives that Ethiopia accords priority, we have embarked on developing a national migration policy. With the support of IOM, my country has also established a dedicated migration data unit under Central Statistics Agency responsible for the collection, analysis, dissemination and governance of migration related data which is useful the Network Hub. Furthermore, Ethiopia established an inter-ministerial

committee to facilitate and coordinate nationwide data management efforts relevant to migration management.

Once again, I want to assure you that Ethiopia remains committed to the implementation of the compact and request others to join the champion countries.