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Thank you, Chair, Good morning Panelists, Ladies and gentlemen, Distinguished delegates

In this opportunity, we would like to share our experiences and views on the second guiding question regarding regular labour migration.

In line with the GCM Objectives, the Government of Indonesia has developed policies to protect the rights of migrant workers extending from their area of origin throughout their destination.

In this regard, we have implemented progressive policies, among others:

- **First.** Developing One-Stop Integrated Service Offices in the regions of origin of Indonesian migrant workers to:
 - → raise awareness;
 - → share comprehensive information on labour migration process; and
 - → provide supporting services to ensure protections prior to and after employment.
- **Second.** Establishing Migrant Resources Center to provide case management, legal assistance, as well as gender-responsive services for the women migrant workers.
- **Third.** Developing an online portal "Care for Indonesian Citizens" that provides consular services for overseas Indonesian citizens.
 - → In order to realize accurate migration data, this portal is integrated with other service platforms, including immigration and employment services, as well as social security system.
- **Fourth.** Ensuring reintegration process of migrants by establishing the "Productive Migrant Village" program to:
 - → Ensure former migrant workers ability to enter into labour market in their place of origin; and
 - → Encourage the change of remittance management from consumption to production.
- The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated challenges for Indonesian migrant workers due to the termination of employment and the travel restriction measures.
- We have taken the efforts to mitigate these challenges by, among others:

- ightarrow providing more than 500.000 basic needs packages for those affected; and
- → intensifying cooperation on consular access and notification for repatriation, as well as evacuation process.
- Last but not least, the COVID-19 is an eye-opener for us that:
 - ightarrow the 23 GCM Objectives are related to each other; and therefore
 - → all national efforts <u>will be limited</u> without international cooperation.

I thank you.

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