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STATEMENT

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*Briefing on the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration: Report of the  
Secretary-General*  
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Mr. President,

The Philippines welcomes the report of the Secretary General on the implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration.

We align ourselves with the statement delivered by Ecuador on behalf of the GCM Champion countries.

The Philippines is committed to support the GCM and the IMRF. We have actively participated in the review processes in our region in March 2021 as well as in the ongoing roundtable dialogues in preparation for the IMRF. We encourage Member States and other stakeholders to participate in the IMRF preparations to ensure that our discussions in May is richly informed by a wide range of experiences and lessons learned.

The GCM is a very good framework for migration governance and international cooperation. We have aligned our laws to its guiding principles and objectives. The Republic Act 11641 that took effect this month created the Department of Migrant Workers and streamlined all processes related to international migration in order to promote fair and ethical recruitment and decent work, protect migrants rights and combat human trafficking.

We note the promising practices of many States in protecting migrants' rights and promoting inclusion in the context of the pandemic. Migrants played vital roles in the response to the pandemic, many of them as frontliners and essential workers, highlighting the positive contribution of migrants in our economies and societies. We are concerned about what the report indicated that only 28% of the national deployment vaccination plans submitted to the COVAX Facility included migrants.

We stress that inclusion of migrants in vaccination plans is an indication of commitment to achieve the SDGs and leave no one behind.

We are likewise concerned about the violence and hate crimes committed against migrants as a result of xenophobia, discrimination and stigmatization. We urge Member States to promote efforts to improve public perceptions of migrants and migration.

The report noted that disasters and climate change are pervasive drivers of migration. We encourage the promotion of pathways for migrants affected by disasters and environmental degradation, including pathways for humanitarian protection.

We cannot overstate the importance of international cooperation to address migration-related challenges, given that all States are origin, transit or destination countries to some extent. We can cooperate in terms of capacity-building, priority-setting and other areas of GCM implementation, both bilaterally and regionally.

The Philippines is looking forward to working with Member States and other stakeholders to have a meaningful Progress Declaration and a successful International Migration Review Forum.

Thank you.