

**VIET NAM'S STATEMENT AT ASIA-PACIFIC REGIONAL REVIEW  
OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GLOBAL COMPACT FOR SAFE,  
ORDERLY AND REGULAR MIGRATION  
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*Co-Chairs,*

*Distinguished Delegates,*

First of all, let me express Viet Nam's appreciation to ESCAP and the United Nations Network on Migration for Asia and the Pacific for organizing the Regional Review today with due timeline as set in the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (the GCM). We hope that the Regional Review will create new prospects of cooperation in the region to together implement the GCM more broadly and coherently.

We wish to quickly update the progress in implementing the GCM from 2019 until now in Viet Nam.

**First**, in the last 2 years, Viet Nam issued and amended a number of laws and regulations related to residence, immigration, labor migration, and nationality; developed a National Programme on human trafficking prevention and combat for the period 2021-2025, with a vision to 2030. In particular, the adoption of the Law on Vietnamese Guest workers 2020, with provisions on prohibiting brokerage fees, limiting and reducing allowable service fees chargeable to migrant workers, is an important step towards increased protection of migrant workers as labor migration is the dominant migration type in Viet Nam, greatly contributing to the socio-economic development of the country.

**Second**, Viet Nam has continued to improve management areas related to migration through digital infrastructure. We have put in place the National Population Data Center since August 17, 2020, and issued Viet Nam's Sustainable Development Indicators in 2020, including indicator 10.6.1 to calculate recruitment costs borne by employees as a proportion of income earned in the country of destination. Viet Nam is currently collecting and centralizing data on international migration from and into Viet Nam every 6 months and 1 year. These data serve as an important basis for evidence-based migration policies aimed at promoting regular and safe migration, fair and ethical recruitment.

**Third**, Viet Nam has strengthened international cooperation with other countries and partners to grant consular protection for Vietnamese citizens during the migration cycle. IOM and ILO continue to establish and support the activities of the Migrant Worker Resource Centres and Migrant Resource Centres. We thank IOM for the assistance in carrying out projects on enhancing the ability of citizen protection in the event of an overseas crisis and promoting the health of migrants.

However, there are still many gaps and challenges in the implementation of the GCM which has markedly emerged in times of Covid-19. The rights of migrants are not duly addressed (discrimination against migrants), the risk of irregular migration, human trafficking, and a shortage of resources still remain.

Therefore, we think that the Regional Review would not only cover the landscape of migration in the region and the overall progress of the implementation but also works to shape a possible roadmap or a framework to assist countries in effectively implementing the GCM. This helps to overcome negative impacts of Covid-19 on migration and the implementation of Objectives, thereby ensuring regular, safe and orderly migration both regionally and globally in the long run.

Viet Nam also request that the United Nations Network on Migration to support member countries during the implementation process, based on each country's priorities, especially those which have developed a concrete Implementation Plan including Viet Nam, and on issues of mutual concern such as building and improving migration data for policy formulation.

Once again, I would like to extend our sincere thanks to the Organizers for their efforts to convene the Regional Review amid the pandemic's complicated developments.

May all you stay safe and well.

I thank you./.