

33rd STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROGRAMMES AND FINANCE

Agenda Item 3: Presentation by the Director General

GCM Champions Draft Statement

Ms. Amy Pope, Director General of the IOM,

Excellencies

Colleagues,

1. Morocco is honored to deliver this statement on behalf of the GCM 33 Champion Countries which are member and observer states of the IOM.

2. The GCM Champion countries Initiative is a collaborative effort by Member States to promote the Global Compact on Migration vision and its 23 Objectives, its follow up and review. Through leadership, partnership, advocacy, and communication, the Initiative seeks to deepen Member States' engagement for the implementation of the GCM and, to promote inclusive and substantive discussions for its revision at regional and global levels. The members of the Initiative are committed to advancing cooperation, galvanizing support, and sharing best practices to ensure the success of the GCM and contributing to making safe, orderly and regular migration a tangible reality for all migrants, including women and girls.

3. We would like to congratulate Ms Amy Pope as she starts her term within the context of her first Standing Committee on Programs and Finance. We remain confident that every effort will be made to ensure the acceleration of the full implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, which constitutes the only internationally negotiated agreement on migration, in line with the 2030 Agenda.

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4. The Champion countries support the strategic vision advanced by the Director General new mandate during her regional briefings in October 2023 aiming at harnessing the power of migration through a people-focused, data- driven, strategic approach, especially supporting the world's most vulnerable.

5. We also appreciate the alignment of priorities between the IOM and the Champions countries as put forth by the first co-chairmanship of the GCM Champion Initiative led by El Salvador and Morocco, notably on addressing the adverse effects of climate change, promoting

balanced narratives that shape perceptions of migration, advocating for more regular pathways and compensatory measures, as well as further expanding the Champions' membership.

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6. In line with objectives 2, 5 and 17, the GCM Champions would like to :

- highlight the urgent need to promote legal pathways in a manner that facilitates labour mobility and decent work reflecting demographic and labour market realities, optimizes education opportunities, upholds the right to family life, and responds to the needs of migrants in a situation of vulnerability, with a view to expanding and diversifying availability of pathways for safe, orderly and regular migration (GCM Objective 5). This includes, among others, the necessity to further facilitate regional and cross-regional labour mobility through international and bilateral cooperation arrangements, as well as to develop temporary, seasonal and circular opportunities.
- We also insist on our common impetus to eliminate all forms of discrimination and promote evidence-based public discourse to shape perceptions of migration which should be realistic, humane and constructive. We have a shared responsibility ensure the respect of migrants' rights, sensitize and educate on migration-related issues and terminology as well as establish mechanisms to prevent, detect and respond to xenophobia, racism and discrimination, in all its forms. (GCM Objective 17)
- The Champion Countries would also stress on addressing and mitigating the adverse effect on climate change, by strengthening joint analysis and information sharing, developing adaptation and resilience strategies, integrating displacement considerations, harmonizing and developing approaches and mechanisms at subregional and regional levels, and developing coherent approaches to address the challenges of migration movements in the context of sudden-onset and slow onset natural disasters. (GCM Objective 2).

7. The GCM Champions countries believe that this SCPP should serve as a platform to strengthen activities supporting Member States in achieving the ambitious roadmap set forth by the GCM. As we look up to the upcoming GCM Regional Reviews in 2024, we reiterate our strong commitment to contributing with robust outcomes in view of the Secretary General report which will feed in to the 2026 International Migration Review Forum.

8. Finally, the GCM Champions, as an effort catalyzer, are committed, based on the strength that constitutes their regional diversity, to serve migrants and the international community in

advancing the common objectives set forward on the Global Compact for orderly, safe and regular migration. We invite other Member states to join us in this effort.