

**Statement by Mr. Didar Temenov, Director of Department of Multilateral
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Dear colleagues and partners,

I am pleased to attend the first International Migration Review Forum dedicated to the implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (*Global Compact for Migration - GCM*).

Kazakhstan acknowledges GCM as the first comprehensive UN framework document aimed at strengthening global cooperation on migration management.

Kazakhstan, as a country of transit and destination for migrants, is committed to complying with international treaties on the protection of human rights and freedoms.

In this context, Kazakhstan creates favorable conditions that allow migrants to realize their human, economic and social potential, thereby facilitating their contribution to sustainable development at the national level.

We have established Hybrid Migration Management System in accordance with the national Concept of Migration Policy until 2021.

The said management system includes:

- introduction of a systematic approach to the use of all flows of external and internal migration in the interests of the country's socio-economic development;
- planning and attracting foreign labor on the basis of the liberalization of migration policy;
- reducing the illegal employment of foreign labor immigrants;
- creating a modern system for recording migration flows in order to predict migration processes and take effective measures to manage them.

In the context of the implementation of the GCM by the Republic of Kazakhstan we are currently in the process of adopting a Concept of the Migration Policy of the Republic of Kazakhstan for 2022-2026, which provides for the improvement of labor and migration legislation, simplification of the visa regime and etc.

After joining the GCM, Kazakhstan has implemented the "e-visa" project, under which foreigners from 117 countries can obtain electronic visas without contacting the Embassy.

The procedure for obtaining visas and entry by foreigners with the status of an investor has been simplified. This year, migration cards for all foreigners, as well as passes for entering the border zone have been canceled in order to eliminate bureaucratic red tape.

At the legislative level, registration requirements have been canceled for all categories of foreigners staying in the country for up to 30 days.

A visa-free arrival regime (up to 30 days) has been introduced into the country for citizens of 73 countries, including unilaterally with 54 states.

To improve the quality of public services, Centers for Migration Services have been established in all regions of the country. This made it possible to reduce the period for issuing permits down to a few hours.

Since 2011, with the support of the International Organization for Migration and the UNHCR, Kazakhstan has been actively participating in conferences within the framework of the Almaty Process, which has 9 member countries. This process is aimed at strengthening regional cooperation and coordination in the field of mixed migration, as well as solving the problems arising from the dynamics of mixed migration.

Currently, the forum is the only platform for promoting the exchange of best practices and the harmonization of policies on migration and refugee protection and development of mechanisms for monitoring migration trends in the region. Conference of Senior Officials and Meeting of Technical Expert Group of the Almaty Process are held on a regular basis.

In order to prepare regular National Reviews on the implementation of the GCM goals an Interagency working group was established under the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection of the Population of the Republic of Kazakhstan, which is responsible state body in the field of migration.

The first national review was prepared by an interagency working group in 2020.

The latest National Review on the implementation of the GCM was prepared and sent to the UN Migration Network Secretariat in March this year.

Thank you for your attention and I wish everybody successful work!