

**Statement by H.E. Mr. BAE Jongin, the Deputy Permanent Representative  
of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations**

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Thank you, Mr. President.

The Republic of Korea has been fully taking into account the objectives of the Global Compact for Migration alongside our domestic context in formulating and executing our national migration policy.

We have also participated in the voluntary review of the implementation of the Global Compact in light of its important role in enhancing international cooperation on migration issues.

Korea has also been making efforts to achieve a mutually beneficial relationship between Korean nationals and migrants on sensitive issues like employment.

With the successful management of the Employment Permit System (EPS), for instance, my Government was able to lay a foundation that allows migrants to contribute to Korean society, while society provides them with better protection.

On this occasion, I wish to present three pledges of the Republic of Korea to be implemented before the next Forum in 2026.

First, Korea is committed to introducing a birth registration system for foreign children, by enacting relevant registration laws. Currently, Korea lacks a system to register and verify the birth of children of foreign or stateless parents.

This registration system will contribute to promoting stable status and protecting the rights of all children born in Korea regardless of their nationality.

Second, the Korean government aims to regulate the treatment of detained foreigners, such as illegal immigrants, through a higher-level law.

Currently, we have a ministerial decree for the treatment of foreigners temporarily protected in immigration detention centers before being deported to their home country.

But we are now working to enact legislation that systematically improves the treatment of detained foreigners by resolving grievances and providing medical support and psychological counselling.

Third, Korea will strengthen communication with relevant stakeholders, such as local governments, when establishing the next Basic Plan for Policies on Foreigners.

While previous Basic Plans were mainly devised by the central government, the next Plan will be different.

We will actively engage with local governments, academia, civil society, and others.

Through such measures, it is expected that central and local migration policies will be harmonized, enabling the government to react more promptly to migrant issues.

Mr. President,

Let me assure you that the Republic of Korea will play its part in promoting and securing safe, orderly, and regular migration.

Thank you. /END/