

REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

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Mr. President

Excellencies

Ladies and Gentlemen

Uganda welcomes the High-Level first international review on Migration organised by the President of the UN General Assembly. Uganda was involved very actively in the GCM, both at the national level and the regional level.

Uganda considers the finalisation of the Global Compact on Migration as a remarkable achievement because it is the first comprehensive framework on migration developed through intergovernmental negotiations within the United Nations that was achieved at a time when the narrative around migration was politically charged.

Mr. President

The GCM has provided fertile ground for strategic collaboration between developing countries and development partners. As the discourse on migration through the GCM is specific and guided by the objectives and thematic areas, harmonised planning, and financing of similar interventions across the globe is possible.

Uganda, in particular, has enhanced partnership with the IOM, the IGAD and the ILO to ensure that migration frameworks are implemented.

Uganda has made progress on most of the 23 objectives and our progressive report will be included in a more detailed report and submitted for the record.

The specific implications for Uganda include the need for more concerted cooperation on data collection and usage across the migration data collecting agencies, the need for specific attention to disaster displacement as well as risk reduction and climate change.

More investment in the infrastructure at the border entry points to combat human trafficking and enhance regular migration is also needed.

Finally, Mr. President, with the increased movements within the region and internationally, there is a huge need for widespread

collaboration and partnership. This meeting is therefore timely and offers welcome opportunities for further engagement.

I thank you Mr. President.