

STATEMENT BY THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK, DURING THE GENERAL DEBATE OF THE 1ST INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION REVIEW FORUM (IMRF), 20 May 2022.

Your Excellency Abdulla Shahid, President of the General Assembly;

Your Excellency António Guterres, Secretary General of the United Nations;

Excellencies Heads of State and Government; Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen.

Thank you, Mr. President, for convening this first quadrennial International Migration Review Forum (IMRF).

My delegation takes note of the Secretary-General's report on the implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) and its recommendations therein, also commends the countries that have contributed to the report.

The United Republic of Tanzania just like other nations, is a country of origin, transit, and destination, consequently facing the challenge of migration movements in Africa.

As a country, we are committed to fulfilling the objectives outlined in the Global Compact, in line with its 360-degree vision and guiding principles, by:

- facilitating safe, orderly and regular migration,
- reducing the incidence and negative impact of irregular migration and promoting the contributions of migrants at all skills levels to sustainable development.
- within the framework of the 2030 Agenda and specifically the National Development and Economic Vision 2025 currently under implementation.

Mr. President,

Since the adoption of GCM in 2018 Tanzania has made a number of progresses in its implementation.

We have mainstreamed international migration and mobility into national development plans and sectoral policies. We have concluded a number of bilateral and regional labour migration agreements with the East African Community (EAC) member countries.

We have established National Identification Registration systems and biometric electronic systems to collect migration data, to curb the incidences of human trafficking and migrant smuggling, identify networks of migrant smugglers and their organizers, and in identifying and responding to the needs of the migrants who are being smuggled.

Mr. President;

The presence of COVID-19 pandemic and other challenges have impeded the efforts of implementing GCM in the country.

Yet, it is obvious that Migration is a multidimensional phenomenon which requires holistic and collective approach to manage and control. And, there is no single country or region that can manage migration by itself.

We therefore call upon international cooperation of government agencies and non-state actors.

To this end, we reiterate our pledge to the ideals of the CGM.

I thank you Mr. President!