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General Debate

- Thank you Chair. We align ourselves with the statement by the EU and its member states.
- Chair, in addition to the comments made by our Minister for Foreign Trade and Development in the HLS, we would like to make the following remarks.
- First of all, we underscore the importance of close cooperation with UNHCR and welcome your efforts on the complementarity between the GCM and the GCR.
- Categories of mobility are blurring. Some historic migration destination countries become primarily transit countries. Transit countries are also becoming countries of origin of migration.
- Refugees and economic migrants alike travel along similar routes, due to the inaccessibility of legal avenues.
- Climate change is leading to displacement directly and indirectly, blurring the reasons for mobility.
- Against this background, the complementarity of both compacts is clear. For example, access to safe and orderly migration could reduce irregular movements and strengthen the support base in host countries for hosting refugees.
- Increased global responsibility sharing for hosting refugees could strengthen the support base in countries in regions of origin for strengthened asylum systems and migration management.
- In particular, we would like to encourage IOM to take a role, and collaborate with UNHCR in proactive thinking on innovative models along migration routes, such as is currently being piloted in the Americas. We welcome further exchange on that matter and look forward to seeing a constructive discussion on the complementarity of both compacts at the side event at the upcoming GRF.
- Secondly, as stated at the past SCPF, we encourage the development of GCM indicators on climate induced displacement, as well as IOM's active involvement in the GRF and CoP 28 in line with MOPAN's recommendation to ensure a systematic approach to climate migration.
- Also in line with MOPAN's recommendations, we encourage you to develop a clear protection strategy. The second phase of our COMPASS program will focus on protection at a structural level with legal identity

as a priority issue. The recently launched GCR indicator report, cited the lack of legal documentation as the main hurdle for voluntary return.

Another example of the complementarity of both compacts in practice.

- Thirdly, we strongly support the drive for accountability & transparency as well as further and continued strengthening of IOM's core, again in line with the MOPAN recommendations.
- Continued strengthening of the lines of defense, including audit, must remain at the center of this pursuit.
- I thank you Chair.