

Excellency chair, thank you very much for the opportunity!

Migration has been an important issue and a top policy priority for our government. We have established mechanisms and frameworks to tackle this issue. Our government's policy is based on return migration; but we need support of international partners.

Unfortunately, migration has been perceived as a negative phenomenon, beside migrants' contribution to economic development of both countries of origin and destination. It is therefore important to think about how can we turn migration from negative to positive phenomenon. Probably the best way is to promote Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration all over the world and we support and appreciate Global Compacts for Migration and Refugees.

It is also important to assess the drivers of migration especially irregular migration. My people migrate because of insecurity, economic problems such as lack of job opportunities, and so on. But the biggest factor is so-called brain drain. Our people are hopeless and they wish to leave the country to find a better life. Most of my people lack sufficient awareness about the risks of irregular migration and thus migrate. They don't know what they might face. Holding awareness campaigns in my country can resolve this problem, however, we need international partners' support in this regard.

I believe that the biggest problem of migration is irregular migration. We should establish comprehensive policies and guidelines and make practical steps towards solving this problem. Probably we can decrease irregular migration either by promoting regular migration or effective border management. My

country needs international community's support in both ways. Because of their irregular status of migration, migrants can be easily exploited by traffickers and smugglers. Being irregular migrant is the biggest vulnerability of migrants.

Another problem in migration is lack of social inclusion and alienation of migrants. It is significant to promote social inclusion in the host countries. Migrants can be both an opportunity or a challenge. If well integrated, they will contribute to our economic growth. If not integrated, they will be alienated and even can be easily recruited by extremists and will be a threat to the host countries. Moreover, we should support the human rights of migrants and refugees all over the world regardless of their status. Especially, the most vulnerable such as children, women and disabled. Discrimination, xenophobia, racism and lack of social inclusion should be tackled.

In terms of return migration, we need more support of our partners in both return and reintegration. To encourage migrants to return, we should provide them basic assistance such as accommodation, food and training to start a new life.

Thank you,