

Statement by Japan in item 2

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The Government of Japan expects that the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration, would provide a pragmatic impetus to make potentially a disorderly migration an orderly and responsible one, thereby contributing to the protection of and improvement to human rights and humanitarian situations for migrants.

Situation surrounding migrants continues to be a severe one. Each region faces unique sets of issues and challenges, requiring us to deal with each situation on a case by case basis. In light of the uniqueness and magnitude of migration in Asia and the Pacific, the Government of Japan welcomes the convening of the Asia-Pacific Regional Preparatory Meeting here in Bangkok.

The Government of Japan provides support to migrants, not only in the form of humanitarian assistance but also through economic assistance with a view to finding a solution to the root causes of migration.

It is important to protecting migrants from various threat such as human trafficking and organized crimes, and it is also important to empower each individual to deal with such threats on their own. Keeping in mind the foregoing, the Government of Japan proactively provides support to migrants both through bilateral cooperation and through international organization such as UNDP and IMO, based on the philosophy of "human security" which places emphasis on protection and empowerment of individuals.