

Item 3 legal and orderly labour migration

1. We take note that migration for employment is the dominant trend in Asia-Pacific, where women form a substantial proportion of migrant workers.
2. Thus, creating a safe and orderly migration system is of paramount importance for Indonesia, as we have millions of migrant workers abroad, contributing almost USD 10 million in remittances.
3. In this respect, Indonesia has enacted a new Law on the protection of Indonesian migrant workers, to replace the Law created in 2004. The new Law introduces several new mechanisms in the recruitment, placement, protection, and return of migrant workers.
4. In relation to legal and orderly labour migration, there are several key points.
 - a. Commitment to eliminate fees to be borne by migrant workers.

This “no fees commitment” has been implemented by Indonesia for several years, in cooperation with several countries of destination. This commitment must be reflected in the global compact, and urge all relevant stakeholders – government, recruitment agencies, and employer – to be on board together in realizing this commitment.
 - b. Establishing formal channel for sending of migrant workers, through bilateral agreements with countries of destination. This mechanism helps Indonesia assessing the credibility of job offers, job description, remuneration for workers, and recruitment process. Bilateral agreements, thus, help create a safe and orderly migration, and could be tailored based on the needs of specific countries, such as when seasonal and circular migration is expected. We therefore encourage countries to prioritize establishing this normative framework.
 - c. To ensure that migrant workers can offer benefit to countries of destination, ensuring successful integration of migrants is a necessity. We must ensure decent job for workers, according to ILO regulations; promote and protect the rights of migrant workers; as well as allow access to fundamental service, such as health, communication, and consular protection.

Equally important, we must also ensure that identity card or travel document must remain in the possession of migrant workers.