

Item 3 addressing the drivers of migration

1. We take note of the various background of migration in the region. While migration for seeking better employment is the dominant trend in the region, there are also large numbers of people who are forced to migrate (as refugees and asylum seekers).
2. Addressing drivers of migration necessitates a holistic approach, as there are many different, albeit inter-related, drivers of migration. Addressing the complexity of drivers of migration can also mitigate situation that leads to unsafe and disorderly migration.
3. We take note that dominant features of migration in the region is caused by economic reasons – re-emphasize the urgent need for poverty eradication and the sustaining of economic activity.
 - a. Encourage concerted efforts to implement 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, with a view to eradicate poverty.
 - b. Focusing on reform of education system, ensuring that the future generation is well-equipped to compete in a competitive and digital economy, where more and more jobs disappear on account of automatization.
 - c. Strengthen cooperation on sharing of labour market information, to make sure link-and-match process are being done correctly.
4. We take note that peoples are also fleeing their countries to escape from conflict and persecution.
 - a. Emphasize the need to strengthen justice and good governance, as well as respect for minority population.
 - b. Underline the importance of preventive diplomacy, and the role of regional organization in the early prevention of armed conflict.
5. Underline the need to prevent and mitigate disaster that may lead to large scale migration.
 - a. Call for adherence to various international norms on environmental issues, such as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, Paris Agreement, and Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.
 - b. The need for sustained public education on preventing and mitigating disaster, with a view to increase people resiliency in the face of disaster.
 - c. Facilitate cooperation in technology transfer, sharing of best practices, and financing in disaster mitigation.