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Comments by Amb. Juan José Gómez Camacho, Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations as moderator of the panel entitled “International cooperation and governance of migration” in the context of the 15th Coordination Meeting on International Migration

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Thank you so much to all of you for staying in the room after the change of setting and the change of panel.

So we want to go on with the conversation that we just heard. The idea of this panel is to try to address and to start a sort of conversation with all of you, and, of course, our very distinguished panelists on international cooperation and governance of migration. The idea therefore for the way the panel was conceived was to hear first from professor Michael Doyle, from Columbia University, who is going to give us a sort of a broader introduction on this issue, governance and cooperation.

Then, we will go to two national experiences, and for that we will hear from Secretary of State Lars Westbrat, from Sweden. Then we will hear from one of the two co-chairs of the GFMD on behalf of the Moroccan co-chair, Mr. Habib El Nadir, and then we will hear from a presentation from Sarah Rosengartner on behalf our very distinguished friend Pether Sutherland, on the well-known and much anticipated Sutherland report.

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Thank you very much. I will add just one question on my own. This Global Compact is going to be a complex negotiation. Solutions are there, formulas are there, and we seem to have a fairly good understanding on what is the task. One of the challenges, as I see it, is domestic politics and the sentiments of societies. This is because the space given to governments to negotiate is base precisely as a function of what those societies feel. They give space more or less to governments to negotiate in the global compact, so I would ask what work is needed to explain this to societies in each country, its constituencies for them not only to be persuaded but also for them to come along in the process.