

Dear Cofacilitators,

Being this the first time that my Delegation takes the floor, let me begin by thanking you for the elaboration of the zero draft that is guiding our discussions.

My Delegation followed closely the conversations held on July 1<sup>st</sup> and in the same way, we would like to make our general comments on it too.

In that note, we would like to commend our cofacilitators to continue working in order to achieve a well balanced text, that meets the needs of both refugees and migrants equally, taking into account that they are all human beings and therefore, their rights need to be recognized and respected equally, regardless of their migratory status.

On the same way, we consider that it is not correct to make a reference to “vulnerable migrants” as we believe that not all migrants are vulnerable, however, we do recognize that a lot of them are in vulnerable situations. We believe that this should be reflected on that way across the text.

Regarding other aspects, my Delegation considers that the references to the positive inputs of migrants should be strengthened, both for countries of transit and destination as for countries of origin. In order to achieve this, it is very important to take into account the historical input of migration, not only the current negative trends against it.

Dear Cofacilitators,

**Now I would like to drive your attention to Section 3, number XII.**

My Delegation welcomes the inclusion of a reference to remittances, as it was requested in several occasions before. However, we consider that the reference made in this paragraph is not contextualized correctly. Especially when we talk about “enhance the productive use of remittances”.

In said paragraph, reference is made to the relevant parts of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, however if we analyze that document we find that the only reference to remittances is made in its paragraph 40. Said paragraph starts by recognizing the positive inputs of migrants, then it conceptualizes remittances by stating that they are mostly part of wages sent to families and that they cannot be equated to international financial flows such as FDI and ODA. Lastly, the said paragraph ends by talking about the compromises, the first one about committing that by 2030 to reduce transaction costs to less than 3% of the total sum transferred, and then further mentioning that by 2030 there should be no remittance corridor charging higher than 5% of the amount transferred. This last point matches what is being mentioned in Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development in its SDG 10, Goal 10.C.

Therefore, dear Cofacilitators, my Delegation would like this paragraph to be drafted accordingly to what is being mentioned in those two documents, taking into account paragraph 40 of Addis Ababa Action Agenda and Goal 10.C of Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development. Noting that there is no such reference about enhancing the productive use of remittances in both of them.

Thank you very much.