



## **STATEMENT OF**

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**Secretary of Foreign Affairs**

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Excellencies, brothers and sisters,

Religious leaders of all religions around the world, our school teachers, parents, teach us to love God and to love our neighbour. But who are our neighbours, who are our brothers, who are our sisters?

We live in a global village where we are all neighbours. We are not just one family one tribe or one nation. We are one community, a global community. We live together; we work together; we play together; and, unfortunately, we also suffer together; and we rise up together.

This is the reason why Manila hosted a conference and stressed the importance of national and regional action plans and the identification of key indicators and targets to the effective implementation of the Global Compact.

It also recognized the importance of innovative partnerships and today the room is filled with people and nations that have had innovative partnerships.

In the case of the Philippines and Bahrain we are making this a reality— with the Global Compact as a basis and even in the absence of a bilateral

labour agreement or a regional cooperation agreement— we are working together and gaining much ground.

Allow us Filipinos to take this opportunity to thank all nations and all peoples, to you who are seated in front, who made this great endeavour a reality who committed, who contributed much for this to become a reality.

Truly ten (10) million Filipinos abroad will not only benefit from this global compact, but it is a dream come true for Filipinos to now experience the love of their neighbour.

As in the past a record will show that we already have stood ready, and we are always ready to love our neighbour.

Thank you your Excellencies.