

**Statement of the Republic of South Sudan to the Intergovernmental Conference to Adopt the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration in Marrakech, Morocco 10-11 December 2018**

Thank you Mr. President

Let me begin by saluting the delegates to the Intergovernmental Conference for International Migration, on behalf of my delegation. We appreciate the organizers of this conference by making it a reality in the interest of humanity.

We also commend His Majesty King Mohamed the Sixth of Morocco for hosting this colorful World event and we appreciate the hospitality of Moroccan people and government for the good reception accorded to our delegation. We also appreciate the historical visit of the King of Morocco to South Sudan earlier last year.

Mr. President  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

South Sudan is the youngest Country in the United Nations. Like most developing Countries we have a large portion of migrants in our Country as well as Refugees and IDPs in our neighboring Countries that seek refuge due to the last conflict in our Country. We thank our neighboring countries for hosting thousands of our refugees that fled our Country due to war.

We are concerned too about the international migration since we have a long unprotected boundary where migrant workers seeking job opportunities from the neighboring countries come to South Sudan and currently have alarming numbers from Kenya, Uganda, Ethiopia, Eretria, Somalia and Sudan.

South Sudan therefore, values the work of UN, IOM and other partners in making migration safe, orderly and regular to save humanity from irregular and unorganized migration that bring along a lot of challenges in management in the transit and recipient Countries.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In the light of the above comments, South Sudan stands with the International Community in seeking solutions and legislations that protect migrants and bring awareness to state parties to view migration as a natural phenomenon that needs to be respected, so that it is safe, orderly and regular and we expect the international community to bring bearing and awareness to both Countries of origin, transit and destination to understand the root causes of Migration, arrest it in the countries of origin by improving on their livelihoods, security, rule of law and governance.

We expect this Conference to help the governments in the process of acceding to relevant Multi-Lateral agreements and supporting our efforts to enhance awareness in migration issues.

However, I wish to emphasize that this support should not stop at putting the laws and policies in place. It should also focus on implementation.

In conclusion I commend the work done so far in other Migration Conferences that gave birth to this important Intergovernmental Conference for International Migration in Marrakech, Morocco as an opportunity to deliberate and make important decisions on these critical migration issues that affect international Community. South Sudan looks forward to further discussion and robust implementation of the outcome and resolutions of this conference.

Thank you for your kind attention.

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