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Excellencies, Distinguished guests, Ladies, and Gentlemen,

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to address this meeting at this momentous time of the adoption of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration.

At the outset, allow me to congratulate member states for the hard work in coming up with a very clear agreement which is a 360 degree vision of migration governance. The leadership of the co-facilitators of the intergovernmental negotiations of this Global Compact was also second to none. We applaud this historic achievement.

As we embark on the implementation process of this Global Compact, member states can count on UNDP as a key development partner, working with other UN agencies in supporting you to effectively implement the Global Compact for Migration, thereby applying a development lens to migration governance.

Ladies and Gentlemen, Migration is a global reality that, in addition to national responses, requires global solutions and shared responsibilities to bring lasting results.

We need all hands on deck [*from Member States, the UN agencies, Civil Society Organizations, Private Sector and Migrant communities*] to achieve safe, orderly and regular migration by 2030, as agreed in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and further spelt out in the **Commitments** of the Global Compact for Migration.

The launch of the UN Migration Network comes at an opportune time.

UNDP fully supports IOM as the coordinator and the secretariat of the UN Migration Network. As an organization, we are honored to be part of the Network's Executive Committee Members, where we will bring development approaches to the migration agenda, with a strong link to the Sustainable Development Goals.

Ladies and Gentlemen, In partnership with other UN agencies, Civil Society organizations and Private Sector, and advocating for a whole of government approach, including local government, as UNDP, we are going to mainly focus on supporting member states to implement the following objectives of the Global Compact for Migration:

First, Objective 2 of the Global Compact on - Addressing the drivers and structural factors that force people to move;

Second, Objective 19 on- Contribution of migration to sustainable development; and,

Third, Objective 21 on - Sustainable reintegration of migrants.

Let me also say that our joint work with IOM on Mainstreaming Migration into National Development Plans in Bangladesh, Ecuador, Jamaica, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Morocco, Serbia and Tunisia has resulted in awareness raising on the

strong link between migration and development. It has also resulted in the development of migration policies, improved coordination and strengthened capacity of government on migration in these countries.

As a development organization, UNDP is supporting many countries **of origin and destination** on poverty reduction and access to economic opportunities, governance, including justice, rule of law and security, climate change and environmental degradation, conflict prevention and peace building. *In many cases, we provide such support without referring to it as addressing migration and displacement.* Moving forward, we would like to make improvements to better target migrants, refugees, IDPs and vulnerable host communities as we work together with our partners.

Ladies and Gentlemen, UNDP will continue to deepen its support and collaboration with Member States, IOM, UNHCR, other UN agencies, the World Bank, Civil Society Organizations, and the Private Sector leveraging our capacities and expertise on the 2030 Agenda for the sustainable development of migrants, refugees, internally displaced persons, returnees and host communities – thereby **LEAVING NO-ONE BEHIND.**

I Thank You Very Much.