

REMARKS
BY DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER NGUYEN QUOC DUNG
AT THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCE TO ADOPT
THE GLOBAL COMPACT FOR SAFE, ORDERLY AND
REGULAR MIGRATION (GCM)

Mr. President,
Excellencies, Ladies and gentlemen,

It is my great honor to represent the Government of Viet Nam to attend this Intergovernmental Conference and join the majority of countries in the international community to adopt the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM).

Viet Nam believes that safe, orderly and regular migration is among key ingredients of sustainable development and no countries can address this issue on its own. Therefore, the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration holds a special significance to us. The GCM has provided us with mutual understanding on international migration, created a framework for comprehensive international cooperation on migration, maximized the advantages of migration and contributed to the prevention of human trafficking caused by irregular migration channels. The GCM is the result of consultations among countries, international organizations, non-governmental organizations, nationals and migrants communities. We highly appreciate the leadership of the UN Secretary General, the pivotal role of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and other relevant UN bodies in developing and adopting this Compact.

On the other hand, we are also aware that there is no such perfect multilateral and global agreements that can meet or reflect all the different requirements and interests of countries. Therefore we believe that during its implementation, the GCM still needs to be continuously improved in line with the development of the world and each country.

Mr. President,

During its extensive international integration, Viet Nam plays the roles of both the origin and destination of migrants. Our consistent policy is: (i) to promote regular migration, especially labor migration;

(ii) combat irregular migration and prevent human trafficking, especially trafficking in women and children; (iii) protect the rights and benefits of Vietnamese nationals; and (iv) foster international cooperation on migration. In addition, Viet Nam always creates favorable conditions for all citizens to migrate domestically and internationally in accordance with the Vietnamese law, international law and related treaties that Viet Nam has signed or is a member to.

The Government of Viet Nam is committed to working closely with and hopes to receive support from the United Nations, IOM, UN member Countries and relevant parties in implementing the GCM in order to bring the most substantive benefits to migrants, the community and society and the sustainable development of each nation.

Mr. President,

On the final note, may I congratulate Morocco for successfully hosting this important conference in this beautiful, historic city of Marrakesh. I would also like to thank His Majesty the King and the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco for the warm hospitality extended to our delegation.

Thank you./.