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Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration,
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Excellencies, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen

~~*[Sweden aligns itself with the statement made on behalf of the
EU. In addition, we wish to make the following remarks.]*~~

Let me begin by thanking the Kingdom of Morocco and the
UN Special Representative for Migration, Mrs. Louise Arbour,
for hosting this Conference. I would also like to commend
Ambassador Lauber of Switzerland and Ambassador Camacho
of Mexico for your leadership and guidance throughout the
negotiations to develop the Global Compact for Migration.

Sweden would like to express its support to the Global
Compact, ~~and our intention to support the formal adoption of
the resolution in the General Assembly later this month.~~ The

Global Compact marks the end of a historic process, complements the New-York declaration and represents a shared, global vision of strengthened international cooperation in the field of migration.

More than two years ago world leaders met in New York to discuss how to best address large movements of refugees and migrants.

Sweden, like many other European countries, were at the time in the midst of a migration and refugee crisis. We were eager to find **ways to strengthen global governance and international dialogue on migration.**

Two years later I believe that **the global community needs** international, regional and bilateral cooperation on migration more than ever.

No state can address migration alone.

Of more than 200 million migrants globally, most cross borders in an orderly and regular manner to work, unite with family members or study in accordance with national rules.

There are no signs that migration as a phenomenon will decrease. On the contrary, the global economy, the demographic development, continued persistent economic inequalities and the impact of climate change will continue to make people migrate.

Let us therefore move away from discussing whether migration is good or bad, whether it should be stopped or not. **Migration is here to stay.**

I believe that ^{the compact} ~~we have agreed on a text that~~ strikes the right **balance** between the needs and rights of migrants versus the interest and right of states to control and regulate migration into its territories. ~~Everything in the global compact is not relevant for everyone, but~~ ^{As} a whole it represents a **shared vision** of how to make migration more safe, orderly and regular.

Today marks the end of a **historic process and the beginning of a new era in the field of multilateral cooperation on migration.** Central to this change is the Secretary-General's decision to establish a UN network on migration. Sweden stands ready to provide continued support to IOM in its role as coordinator of the network.

Thank you