



# REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA



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**STATEMENT DELIVERED BY**

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**AT THE**

**GENERAL DEBATE (ITEM 8) OF THE  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCE TO ADOPT THE  
GLOBAL COMPACT FOR SAFE, ORDERLY  
AND REGULAR MIGRATION**

10<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2018  
Marrakech, Morocco

**THANK YOU, FOR GIVING ME THE FLOOR,**

ON BEHALF OF THE ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT I WISH TO THANK THE HOST COUNTRY FOR PREPARING A CONFERENCE TO ADOPT THE GLOBAL COMPACT FOR SAFE, ORDERLY AND REGULAR MIGRATION.

**CHAIR,** I WISH TO STATE THAT ZAMBIA HAS DEMONSTRATED ITS POLITICAL COMMITMENT TO IMPROVE MIGRATION GOVERNANCE THROUGH VARIOUS INITIATIVES WHICH ARE CURRENTLY BEING IMPLEMENTED.

RECOGNIZING THE CRITICAL ROLE OF DATA IN POLICY MAKING, THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBIA IS IN THE PROCESS OF REVIEWING ITS NATIONAL STATISTICS ACT TO IMPROVE THE COLLECTION, ANALYSIS AND DISAGGREGATION OF DATA TO SUPPORT EVIDENCE BASED POLICIES AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDG) TARGET 17.18, AS WELL AS THE GLOBAL COMPACT ON MIGRATION (GCM) OBJECTIVE 1(G). IN ADDITION, ZAMBIA HAS LAUNCHED THE SMART ZAMBIA INSTITUTE FOR ENHANCED E-GOVERNANCE ON, AMONG OTHER TASKS, MIGRATION RELATED DATA. A MIGRATION PROFILE IS ALSO BEING DEVELOPED WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION (IOM).

MIGRATION MANAGEMENT HAS ALSO BEEN INCORPORATED IN THE 7<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN. THE MIGRATION MANAGEMENT STRATEGY IS ALIGNED TO THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS WITH SPECIAL FOCUS ON VULNERABLE GROUPS, INCLUDING WOMEN AND CHILDREN. THE AIM IS TO ENSURE THAT NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND.

**CHAIR,** THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBIA CONTINUES TO PLACE EMPHASIS ON SAVING THE LIVES OF MIGRANTS. TO RESPOND TO THE TRANSNATIONAL NATURE OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND SMUGGLING, ZAMBIA HAS ESTABLISHED CROSS-BORDER COORDINATION MECHANISMS WITH ITS NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES. ZAMBIA HAS ALSO DEVELOPED A NATIONAL ACTION PLAN TO ADDRESSING MIXED AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION IN LINE WITH THE REGIONAL ACTION PLAN ON MIXED MIGRATION. HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND SMUGGLING REQUIRES CONCERTED EFFORTS OF STATES AT REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS.

TO ENHANCE TRADE FACILITATION THROUGH THE EFFICIENT MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE AND GOODS WITHIN THE COMESA AND SADC REGIONS, ZAMBIA AND ZIMBABWE PIONEERED THE FIRST EVER ONE-STOP BORDER IN AFRICA AT CHIRUNDU. THIS HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF THE BEST PRACTICES OF INTEGRATED BORDER GOVERNANCE IN AFRICA.

**CHAIR,** ZAMBIA PROVIDES DUAL CITIZENSHIP UNDER THE CONSTITUTION AND IT CREATES CONDUCIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR MIGRANTS IN DIASPORA TO FULLY CONTRIBUTE TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. IT ALSO ENABLES EMIGRANTS RECLAIM THEIR LOST CITIZENSHIP.

**CHAIR,** ZAMBIA SHALL REMAIN COMMITTED TO ENSURING THAT MIGRATION IS SAFE, REGULAR AND ORDERLY IN ORDER TO CONTER HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND SUCH ALIKE VICES.

**I THANK YOU**