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Statement made by Bangladesh delegation in the informal meeting on the preparation of outcome documents for the High-level meeting to address the large movements of refugees and migrants on 19 September 2016. (27 July ,2016; Conference Room, 10 am)

Distinguished Co-facilitators,

Thank you for the floor.

I would like to make few comments on draft Annex-II on behalf of my delegation.

I would again like to thank both the co-facilitators for their earlier clarifications that the list of contents placed at the draft Annex-II is non-exhaustive and evolving in nature and Member States can continue discussion on these elements beyond 19th September High-Level Meeting. My delegation further like to add that these elements are the reflections of our earlier discussions and comments of the Member States that have been made throughout the process.

My delegation will welcome and commend any attempts that have been made to promote positive narratives of migration in the outcome document. Therefore, we would like to extend our support towards most of the proposals forwarded earlier by the Latin countries. We also believe that the international border management needs to be more humane and sensitive to the ground needs of the people on the move, ensuring protection for their human rights, safety and dignity.

We would further like to reiterate that the notion of “global governance for migration” cannot be replaced or substituted by the term “global cooperation”. We believe, only Governance can cover the multidimensional aspects of migration. Governance includes overarching principles and also set of normative directives which is lacked in the notion of global cooperation. Thus, governance is important and appropriate to ensure safe, orderly, regular and responsible migration in the light of Agenda 2030.

My delegation would also like to see para 3.1 of draft Annex-II as it is. We understand that Member States will have ample opportunities and platforms (including regional consultations) to finalize the global compact for migration before the High-Level Intergovernmental Conference on Migration in 2018, so that Member States can ultimately adopt the compact in that conference on the basis of consensus.

Regarding the “The way forward” segment of the draft; in order to steward the process beyond the 19 September Summit, my delegation will prefer appointing two co-facilitators/ co-chairs by the PGA, one of which may come from a developing country while the other one from a developed country to the New York based inter-governmental process for setting the global compact for migration. We strongly believe that the process needs to be New York based and under the purview of the General Assembly.

The UNSG may consider extending the mandate of current SRSG on international migration Mr. Peter Sutherland and therefore enable him to play a coordinating role for the upcoming negotiations and other related processes towards adopting the Global Compact for Migrants in the High-Level Inter-Governmental Conference to be held in 2018. In this regard, we would also like to support the comments made by the Swiss delegation. We are aware that the SRSG's report will be published at the end of this year. We hope that the report could be a source for useful ideas for finalizing the modalities for the negotiation of the global compact.

My delegation would also like to see IOM, as the lead organization in the field of migration, along with UN-DESA providing necessary technical and secretarial support to facilitate the process. We will also like to see reflections of the contributions and inputs made by GFMD and other relevant stakeholders, like GMG and civil society representatives, in the aforesaid negotiation process.

In this stage, like Mexico, my delegation would also like to express its candid willingness to host the High Level Inter-Governmental Conference in 2018 for obtaining the Global Compact for Migrants in Bangladesh. We may bilaterally discuss this issue with Mexico later on.

On behalf of my delegation, Excellences, let me assure that Bangladesh delegation will be constructively engaged in future negotiation and also in the upcoming processes.

I thank you.