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Her Royal Highness Crown Princess Victoria,
His Excellency Prime Minister Fredrik Reinfeldt,
His Excellency the UN Secretary General Ban-ki Moon,
Esteemed Ministers,
Excellencies,
Distinguished Participants,

- It is a pleasure for me to attend this Meeting as the representative of the next Chair of the Global Forum on Migration and Development.
- Let me express our appreciation to Sweden for the tremendous efforts in strengthening cooperation among all partners during their Chairmanship. I would also like to thank Sweden for organising this Global Forum meeting, which I am confident will witness result-oriented discussions in the area of migration and development.

Distinguished Participants,

- Migration is one of the most important issues to be tackled in the modern world. There is no doubt that migration is an important source of change, not only economically and demographically but also socially and culturally.
- There is a complex and multi-dimensional relationship between migration and development. Migrants make important contribution

to development in countries of origin, transit and destination through trade, investment, enterprises, transfer of technology, skills and knowledge.

- In order to reach this winning scenario of controlled migration, it is essential to provide immigrants with equal opportunities, access to education and social integration in their host countries.
- However, this is not an easy task which requires more cooperation among source, transit and target countries as well as at regional and international level.
- Efforts made by the United Nations and the Global Forum on Migration and Development are remarkable in this regard. Besides, the Second High Level Dialogue on Migration and Development, held in October 2013 in New York, was a significant event, which presented us several opportunities to enhance our efforts in the field of migration and development.

Distinguished Participants,

- The global challenges, including migration, have direct implications on Turkish foreign policy. With the aim of steering the developments in a positive direction, Turkey pursues a dynamic and visionary foreign policy.
- Being aware of the fact that global problems can only be resolved through cooperation on a global scale, Turkey has been conducting active diplomacy in the multilateral fora, notably within the United Nations.
- After completing its non-permanent membership of the UN Security Council for the term 2009-2010, Turkey has now put forward her candidacy for the term 2015-2016. Similarly, we hosted the Fourth UN Least Developed Countries Conference in Turkey in May 2011.
- Turkey became the fourth largest donor of humanitarian assistance in 2012. It is with this sense of responsibility that we will assume

the Presidency of the G-20 in 2015 and host the World Humanitarian Summit in 2016.

- Considering the world's 232 million migrants, we feel obliged to strengthen our efforts and take action to contribute to the well-being and prosperity of migrants.
- Turkey has a wealth of experience to share in the area of migration and development. Located on a major historical migration route, Turkey is determined to address the common challenges of migration management. Traditionally a transit and source country for migration, Turkey has now become an attractive target country due to her economic growth and social development reached in the last decade.
- There are more than 900.000 Syrian citizens benefiting from temporary protection in Turkey of which 220.000 living in container and tent camps. Turkey has already spent 3 billion USD. Together with personnel costs, humanitarian aid and health services provided to Syrians living outside the camps, this amount doubles.
- I would like to make a call here for international community to assist countries bordering Syria that generously host people that flee from the war. Turkey's morally right humanitarian outreach awaits urgent response. We need to find a sustainable, long-term arrangement to take care of the Syrians who arrive daily.
- In order to address the problems stemming from changing migration landscape, Turkey has recently undertaken significant steps that allow for better migration management. We have set-up a new legal and institutional framework that provide us with the necessary policy tools.
- Moreover, in order to contribute to the solutions for the migrants' problems, we are developing and leading initiatives in the

international arena. Accordingly, Turkey chairs the Budapest Process, one of the longest standing cooperation frameworks on migration for Europe and its Eastern neighbours.

- Turkey also initiated the Silk Route Partnership for Migration that aims to promote dialogue and mutual cooperation in managing migration flow taking place along this historical route.
- During the Chairmanship of the Global Forum for the term 2014-2015, our aim is to continue to gather all relevant actors engaged in migration and development in an inclusive and transformative dialogue. We will underscore the importance of improving the situation of migrants and ensuring their rights in host countries.
- We will focus on strengthening the development potential of migrants with a view to maximizing benefits of human mobility. Migration should be addressed as an element of development. With this understanding, the inclusion of migration in the post-2015 UN Development Agenda will be a key priority for us.

Distinguished Participants,

- Concluding my remarks, I would like to emphasize once more that Turkey is committed for managing migration and protecting human lives through international cooperation. We are determined to enhance our cooperation with our partners in the Global Forum.
- I also would like to underline that Turkey's prospective membership to the EU will definitely contribute to the stability and prosperity of our region and thus, will enhance the means for managing migration effectively by providing immigrants with equal opportunities and protecting and promoting their basic rights.

Thank you for your kind attention.