

- ***Your Excellency, Foreign Minister Abul Hassan Mahmood Ali, Esteemed Ministers, Excellencies, Distinguished Participants,***
- ***Let me first of all thank Bangladesh as the Chair for hosting this outstanding GFMD meeting in this great city. We had inspiring discussions here in Dhaka, building upon excellent debates in Geneva and New York during the Preparatory Meetings, the Thematic Workshops and the Dialogue on the UN Global Compact on Migration. We congratulate our friends from Bangladesh for always linking the discussions within GFMD to the dynamic global migration framework, especially to the Sustainable Development Goals and the forthcoming consultation process on the Global Compact on Migration. Let us remind ourselves that at the beginning of your Chairmanship, it was beyond our imagination that in September, world leaders would agree on the New York Declaration, committing to the principle of shared responsibility to manage large movements of refugees and migrants, and to develop a framework document for safe, orderly and regular migration by 2018. Foreign Secretary Shahidul Haque, you brought these new developments to GFMD very early, very smoothly and with great flexibility in your Chairmanship's Agenda. Thank you.***
- ***In 2017 and 2018, Germany and Morocco will assume the Co-Chairmanship of GFMD, continuing and building on the work of the former Chairs. Germany and Morocco share the vision to strengthen GFMD as the prime state-led process and forum to promote migration and development for the benefit of all. Brain***

gain and circulation of ideas take back many novelties and innovations. Thank you all for your contributions here in Dhaka.

- ***Finally, it is my distinct pleasure to invite you to the next GFMD Summit which will be held in the German capital Berlin from 28 to 30 June 2017. We will work very hard to make it a success as big as the Dhaka summit meeting. We count on your commitment and will listen carefully to you in order to respond well to the mandate given to GFMD in the New York Declaration, which is to contribute to the Migration Compact negotiation process.***
- ***We will share the Co-Chair's draft concept paper and the roadmap leading to the Berlin summit with all GFMD member States and observers immediately after the end of this meeting, anticipating your suggestions and remarks.***
- ***We will draw on advice from our Bangladeshi predecessors, and we are looking forward to working closely with our esteemed Moroccan partners, all GFMD member states, Civil Society and Business representatives during our tenure.***
- ***Once again, thank you Bangladesh, thank you Dhaka, thank you Ambassador Shahidul Haque and your entire team for your overwhelming hospitality. See you all in Berlin next year.***