



Republic of Zambia

STATEMENT ON SMUGGLING OF MIGRANTS, TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS AND CONTEMPORARY FORMS OF SLAVERY, INCLUDING APPROPRIATE IDENTIFICATION, PROTECTION AND ASSISTANCE TO MIGRANTS AND TRAFFICKING VICTIMS DELIVERED AT THE THEMATIC WORKSHOP OF THE GLOBAL FORUM ON MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT -6TH SEPTMEBER, 2017, VIENNA

Thank you, Chair for giving me the floor,

Speaking on behalf of my delegation. I wish to commend the work done so far in preparing for this meeting and the presented issues for our discussion.

Chair, we wish to respond to the questions that Cluster 5 pauses;

With regards to question on how can the GCM facilitate sustainable implementation of commitments in international standards and frameworks related to the topics covered by this thematic cluster?

Our submission to this, is that in the Global Compact for Migration, States should be encouraged to make every effort to ratify and /or accede to, as well as domesticate international Conventions and Protocols.

As for the question on how can the GCM further advance relevant recommendations and good practices shared within the GFMD and affirmed in

several United Nations documents, notably the Sutherland Report, the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants and the latest Report of the Secretary General on Migration?

It is my delegation`s submission that while these good practices will serve as guidelines for the Global Compact, States should further their efforts by raising awareness through bilateral means while within the states the involvement of local authorities in advocacy of protecting migrants, should be encouraged, so that migrants are not viewed as a threat or a security risk. It is the States responsibility to offer protection to vulnerable migrants while upholding the security of the nation.

With respect to the challenges not yet covered by existing international standards and frameworks and therefore require specific emphasis by the GCM?

We note that despite the many efforts in this area, the challenges still remain. For instance, the crime of smuggling and trafficking in persons involves criminal syndicates. In this regard therefore, there is need for states to work together to enhance investigations tools especially with the involvement of the international police. Furthermore, the efforts that are undertaken by the various stakeholders in data collection could enhance the fight against human trafficking, smuggling and contemporary forms of slavery.

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