

**Statement to the Special Session on the Forum
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Mr. Chairman,
Ladies, and Gentlemen,

Allow Me, on behalf of the Government of Indonesia to extend our appreciation on Germany's, together with Morocco's, excellent arrangement in hosting this Tenth Global Forum on Migration and Development, which shows the global commitment to migration and development issues.

The delegation of Indonesia is grateful to have engaged and participated in these discussions.

Mr. Chairman,
Ladies, and Gentlemen,

For one decade, GFMD has served its best contribution in shaping the global view to migration and development. Furthermore, GFMD has also become a prominent forum to support the deliberation migration related policies at national, regional, and global level. We believe GFMD will continue to do so.

However, taking into account the complex dynamics of migration issue around the world, more role should be taken by GFMD - as one of the leading key-drivers in migration issue – in making sure that the recommendation being put into actions successfully. Tangible contributions should be made to put the recommendations in place, allowing the full enjoyment of migration benefits.

Mr. Chairman,
Ladies, and Gentlemen,

In this regard, Indonesia would like to propose three recommendations for the future of GFMD.

First, GFMD should play key-role, not only in discussing and deliberating migration policies, but also in providing reference to practical solutions to address migration in comprehensive and specific manner, for example, by providing guidelines on how to build formal bilateral arrangement on the placement and protection of migrant workers. This guideline will help all stakeholders in ensuring policy coherence between country of origin and country of destination.

Second, GFMD should always show its relevance to the global agenda on migration. Providing action-oriented recommendations to the global migration agenda is a role that GFMD can do. As we are all aware, up until this year GFMD has been contributing to provide support to the formulation process of the Global Compact on Migration - and to some extent the Global Compact on Refugees - within United Nations frameworks. This has shown GFMD's relevance to the global migration agenda.

In this regard, it is important for GFMD to provide specific recommendations to address distinct, unique, and complex issues within migration, ranging from labor migration to forced migration.

In anticipation of the negotiation process of the Global Compact on Migration next year, GFMD can also play an important role in providing data and statistics on migration as well as stocktaking of problems and challenges on the ground and best practices available to solve them. This information will help countries and negotiators in understanding the whole process of migration including the problems at stake, and thus can accurately formulate the Global Compact as a solution at the global level.

Third, the role of GFMD should be strengthened, one of which is by allowing GFMD to play a consultative role in migration-related policy making, in a constructive manner.

I thank you.