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PANEL 2 – Trafficking in persons

Thank you Ms. Moderator and the panelists.

Belarus wishes to emphasize a need to make embedded in the GCM the following issues; combating human trafficking in the context of illegal migration; enhancement of international cooperation to combat trafficking in persons and labor exploitation; and strengthening anti-trafficking national capacity.

Specialized international organizations and agencies should continue to provide to the member-states an effective assistance in the implementation of the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons.

Belarus supports the recognition of the important contribution of all stakeholders in the efforts to prevent and combat trafficking and to protect, assist and provide effective remedies to the victims of trafficking, including through the Inter

Agency Coordination Group against Trafficking in Persons and regional and bilateral initiatives that promote cooperation and collaboration.

We believe that GCM should promote the efforts of the Inter Agency Coordination Group and the respective agencies, to share information, experiences and good practices on anti trafficking activities with Governments, other international and regional organizations, non governmental organizations and other relevant bodies.

Belarus believes that establishment of the Network of International training centers to combat human trafficking and smuggling should strengthen international cooperation in this field.

Thank you.