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**STATEMENT
of Belarus at the Fifth Informal Thematic Discussion
on the Global Compact on Migration**

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**PANEL 3 – Identification, Protection of Migrants
and Trafficking Victims**

**Thank you Mr. Moderator. We have the following
recommendations for the Global Compact on Migration.**

**Belarus wishes to have embedded in the Global Compact on
Migration the issue of protection of the rights of victims of people's
smuggling and trafficking as well as the victims' reintegration into
the community.**

**We believe that States should provide specialized services to
identified victims of people's trafficking and smuggling, consistent
with the UN Palermo Convention and the Trafficking Protocol,
including access to health services.**

**Belarus supports the strengthening of the capacity of relevant
officials likely to encounter and identify victims of human
trafficking – law enforcement personnel, border control officers,
labour inspectors, consular, embassy officials, and ensure the**

availability of needed resources to the relevant sectors and institutions, including those of civil society.

Belarus wishes to recognize an important role of civil society organizations in providing assistance and empowerment to victims of people's smuggling and trafficking.

The United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and international and regional organizations should continue to assist Member States to exchange and build upon best practices in identifying and assisting victims of people's smuggling and trafficking.

Thank you.