STATEMENT
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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.