

Talking points of the Chinese Delegation at the Second Informal Thematic Discussion on Global Compact on Migration

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1. Sustainable development and poverty eradication

I. Safe, orderly and regular international migration plays an important role in promoting inclusive growth and sustainable development. We must have a change of mindset to fully acknowledge the positive contribution that migrants make. Countries must adopt migration policies that fit their specific conditions and at the same time conform to international rules and regulations. Meanwhile, international cooperation needs to be strengthened in order to achieve a tripartite win-win scenario for countries of origin, transit and destination.

II. The main drivers of migration are poverty and uneven development to which all other causes can be attributed. Therefore, a development perspective must be incorporated throughout the consultation process on the global compact where the issue of migration should be addressed from the development angle. Elimination of the root causes of irregular migration is predicated on achieving common development of all countries, which involves two main tasks:

First, we must build a community of shared future for mankind. In today's world, countries are inter-connected and inter-dependent bound together by a common future. We must therefore work together to build a world of lasting peace, universal security and common prosperity, a world that is open, inclusive, clean and beautiful. The international community should strengthen global partnership and enhance international cooperation for development so as to promote common development of all countries and reduce inequality among

countries and narrow the wealth gap between the North and the South. Having unveiled the Belt and Road Initiative, China held the Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation in Beijing from May 14 to 15 this year. Upholding the principles of wide consultation, joint contribution and benefit sharing, the Forum focused on the promotion of infrastructure building and interconnectivity, the alignment of national policies and development strategies, the deepening of pragmatic cooperation, the facilitation of coordinated development and the achievement of common prosperity. All this will provide a great impetus to our efforts to build a community of shared future.

Second, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development must be implemented in an all-round, balanced and effective manner. Priority must be given to poverty eradication and fostering development with the focus on employment, education, health, industrialization and environmental protection. The localization of the 2030 Agenda needs to be expedited and countries should develop and implement national programs based on their specific conditions. Secure and predictable funding is critical to developing countries in their achievement of the SDGs. Developed countries must effectively honor their ODA commitments and do more to help developing countries achieve the SDGs.