Mr. Chair,

I thank you for giving me the floor again at this Retrospective Session.

Our time is an era of unprecedented human mobility. Based on the UN data, the number of international migrants reached 244 million in 2015 for the world as a whole, a 41 per cent increase compared to 2000. This figure includes almost 20 million refugees. Between 2000 and 2015, Asia added more international migrants than any other major region, or a total of 26 million additional migrants.

Migration is indeed a complex and multi-dimensional phenomenon in the region, so that involvement of relevant stakeholders is a necessity. We take note with appreciation the active engagement of civil societies and communities, particularly in educating and building the skill and capacity of migrant workers.

Mr. Chair,

In this regard, I wish to share briefly best practices from my region, that is Bali Process on People Smuggling, trafficking in Persons and related Transnational Crime. Indonesia and Australia are co-chairs of Bali Process. It is a forum for policy dialogue, information sharing, and practical cooperation. Bali Process is now attended by 45 countries and entities, and is also involved some organizations such IOM, UNHCR, and UNODC.

In August 2017, Bali Process convened a Government and Business Forum in Perth, Australia, highlighting the need to step up the engagement with private sectors to combat human trafficking and forced labour. The outcome of the Forum is a Business Work Plan, which focuses on three key areas, namely ethical employment; Transparency in supply chains, and Safeguards and redress mechanism. Indonesia is of the view, that this model of government and private sector collaboration should be replicated elsewhere, as it represents common commitment that forced labour and modern slavery are an affront to the dignity and freedom of person.

Mr. Chair,

To conclude my intervention, I wish to underline that migrants bring tremendous benefits to countries of origin and destination. They bring fresh ideas and talent to countries of destination, and help generate economic activities, they are the agent of development. Taking into account this fact, Indonesia believe that we must strive to achieve triple win: ensuring benefits to migrant, and their countries of origin and destination.

I thank you.