Mr Moderator,

From the various interventions since yesterday, it seems clear that there is a growing consensus on the importance of taking into account the local/subnational governments, as they are often at the frontline of dealing with the challenges and opportunities at the ground level that arise from the migration phenomenon.

We would like to suggest that we think about 2 categories of actionable commitments: and (2)

**Category 1:** those (national) commitments that **CANNOT** be successfully implemented **WITHOUT** strong support and cooperation from local/sub-national governments;

With respect to the first category, the PHILIPPINES recommends:

- **Preparation of migrants** for integration at work and in the community, through conducting pre-departure and post-arrival orientations. These activities are best done at the local level, close to migrant communities/families, and with the support of local governments.

- Ensuring **integrity of civil documents**, with specific focus on local civil registry.

- Cooperation of the sub-national government on **crisis management** and crisis preparedness, including the **repatriation** of migrants.

- Facilitation of the **reintegration** of return migrants at the local level, making sure that they are employable in their home community, are provided security, and social protection, among others.

**Category 2:** those that **CAN** be implemented by local/sub-national governments, even **WITHOUT WAITING** for action at the national level.
With respect to the second category, the PHILIPPINES recommends

- The establishment of multi-stakeholder mechanisms to ensure coherence and complementarity of policies.

- Respect of migrants' human rights by improving access to basic social services (including health, education and justice among others), where local governments often play a key role in provision.

- LGUs can also play a leading role in improving availability of migration related data by introducing or improving local data collection systems.

- Sharing of Local Government Units (LGUs) best practices through networking/communities of practice.

Thank you Mr Moderator!