

(Day two) Action group 6 – Global Dimension

Thank you, Ms. Moderator.

The Republic of Bulgaria aligns itself with the statement made on behalf of the European Union and its Member States and would like to highlight the following specific points in its national capacity:

To begin with, allow me to point out that in all six action groups today there is one conclusion that dominates the discussion – namely that we all consider migration as a global phenomenon that requires global responses. This panel (*Global Dimension*) can be considered to represent the embodiment of the Compact itself and the quintessence of the other five dimensions.

Migration is overarching. It can and should be objectively measured through data collection and translated into national migration policies *via* expertise. Cooperation and exchange of best practices among countries of origin, transit and destination should be part of the process with the aim of securing global governance.

My country is attaching particular emphasis to the international governance of migration, including through **effective cooperation on return and readmission**. The **return of migrants is among the instruments for unlocking the potential positive role that they can play in the development of their countries of origin**. In our view voluntary return is both the most humane and the most effective mechanism of return management.

Along these lines, we believe that the Global Compact should reflect the importance of a developing **border control cooperation**, for instance through **regional strategies** on integrated border management, on countering migrant smuggling and trafficking of human beings. Sustainable **long-term solutions** can only be achieved through **joint efforts** in a spirit of understanding among all parties.

Our conviction is that the international community should emphasize on **global responsibility-sharing**. We should be aiming at a **comprehensive approach in seeking to balance the development-migration-security nexus, including by addressing the root causes of migration** through engaging more countries to cooperate.

The protection of human rights of migrants is a multi-dimensional subject. It requires coordinated action based on the understanding that **addressing human rights of all migrants regardless of their status is a shared responsibility of countries of origin, transit and destination**.

In concluding, let me assure you of my country's readiness to keep migration high on the agenda since it is one of the priorities of next year's Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the EU.