Speaking points

Fifth informal interactive multi-stakeholder hearing

Panel: Best Practices to support safe, orderly and regular migration

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- *Thank you, Chair. I speak on behalf of the GFMD 2017-2018 Co-Chairs, Morocco and Germany.*

- *Let me begin by expressing our appreciation for this opportunity to share inputs from the GFMD, the <u>biggest multi-stakeholder process on migration and development</u>.*

- *Since its inception in 2007, the GFMD has provided a <u>platform for interactive and voluntary sharing of experiences and best practices on migration and development</u> between and among UN Member States, GFMD observers and other stakeholders from the civil society and the private sector.*

- *Recently, at the GCM Stocktaking Meeting in Puerto Vallarta, the GFMD Co-Chairs presented the <u>GFMD Contribution to the GCM</u>, a thematic recollection from 2007 to 2017, which reflects the diversity and richness of GFMD discussions and debates over the last decade.*

- *At the core of this thematic recollection is a <u>robust compilation</u> of policy options and examples of policies and practices that <u>focus on supporting safe, orderly and regular migration</u>.*

- *These practices were taken from the <u>GFMD's Platform for Partnerships (PFP) Database</u>, an online repository of over 1,000 concrete migration and development initiatives shared within the context of the GFMD.*

- *We take pride in the fact that <u>over 50 policy options and options for practical action</u> proposed in the GFMD Thematic Recollection are <u>captured in the GCM Draft that is currently being negotiated</u>.*

- *This proves the <u>richness and relevance of the outcomes of GFMD discussions</u>, which affirm, inter alia, the importance of achieving policy coherence and mainstreaming whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches in migration policy making and implementation, in order <u>to ensure safe, orderly and regular migration</u>.*

- *The GFMD <u>database of policies and practices</u> offers a diversity of migration and development initiatives of governments from all world regions.*

- *They were carefully extracted from previous GFMD Summit Meetings, roundtable recommendations and government-led deliberations in various thematic workshops and GFMD dialogues on the GCM.*

- *As GFMD is a <u>multi-stakeholder process</u>, these practices involve the participation and partnership of <u>non-governmental stakeholders</u> – international organizations, civil society and private sector.*

- *Last year, the practices were re-classified according to the same six GCM thematic clusters. Efforts will be taken to further reclassify them after the release of the final draft GCM by end of July, in order to align the themes with the final objectives of the GCM.*

- *This will be crucial, as the GFMD is <u>poised to respond positively to the invitation in the GCM draft</u> to continue to provide a platform for voluntary sharing of experiences and evidence base in the <u>implementation, follow up and review</u> of the GCM.*

- *We invite you to peruse the GFMD Thematic Recollection as well as the Policy and Practice database which are both found on our website: <u>www.gfmd.org</u>.*