

## ELEMENTS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE OUTCOME DOCUMENT OF THE HIGH LEVEL DIALOGUE ON INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT 2013

### 1. Acknowledgment of International Migration as a phenomenon that needs to be addressed by the United Nations.

- For decades, the United Nations has been discussing the issue of international migration.
- Both the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Committees of the General Assembly have a number of relevant resolutions addressing different matters on international migration.
- Prior to the First High Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development (2006), different initiatives, including the one launched by the Secretary General entitled “the Global Commission on International Migration” (2005), called for an objective debate on the root causes of international migration and its consequences.
- Progress has been achieved in terms of dialogue and trust-building within the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD), but in terms of concrete results much less has been achieved. A further step is needed both within the GFMD, as well as at the UN, in order to define common elements to fill the gaps needed to formulate coherent and comprehensive international migration initiatives.

### 2. Inclusion of international migration in the Development Agenda Post-2015.

- Paragraph 157 of the outcome document of the Rio + 20 Summit (*The Future We Want*), reads as follows:

*We call upon States to promote and protect effectively the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all migrants regardless of migration status, especially those of women and children, and to address international migration through international, regional or bilateral cooperation and dialogue and a comprehensive and balanced approach, recognizing the roles and responsibilities of countries of origin, transit and destination in promoting and protecting the human rights of all migrants, and avoiding approaches that might aggravate their vulnerability.*

- Coordination and policy-coherence within and between States is required to achieve all the goals that can be derived from the paragraph above.
- Different goals have to be defined based on the three pillars of the Post-2015 Development Agenda (economic, social and environmental) in order to achieve balanced and comprehensive approaches to international migration and development.

- International migration should not be seen as a source of development exclusively in origin countries but its positive impact on destination countries must also be recognized.
- Different measures at different levels have to be implemented in order to maximize the positive economic and development effects of international migration, while reducing its negative impacts.

### **3. Recognition of the achievements obtained by the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD).**

- Express appreciation and recognition for the GFMD, as a space of dialogue mainly between States.
- Express that this dialogue has allowed to erase most of the fears some delegations had in relation to debating international migration (i.e. human rights), underlying that this fruitful debate has paved the way for considering taking decisions within the UN on the topic.
- States look forward to improve the working methods of the GFMD, mainly to allow deeper and more meaningful interaction among all different actors, as well as to achieve more concrete results and provide continuity to both discussions and outcomes.

### **4. Interaction between States and Global Migration Group: strengthening dialogue, coordination and orientation.**

- The Global Migration Group (GMG), originally called the Geneva Migration Group and established in 2003, was expanded as a result of a recommendation in the final report of the Global Commission on International Migration, in 2006. The GMG is an initiative where different UN agencies and IOM participate, comprising of 16 entities.
- Its performance is impossible to evaluate due to the lack of information States face when dealing with it. Given the big potential as a coordinated task-force on migration, the interaction between States and the GMG has to be reinforced in order to provide timely feedback and orientation when needed.
- Take note with appreciation of the proposals that have emerged from the last GMG retreat (February 18-19, 2013) and look forward to working on them as a basis for improving the working methods of GMG.