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H.E. Ms. Inga Rhonda King
President
Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)
United Nations

Excellency,

The 2019 Chair of the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD), Ecuador, has the honour to refer to your invitation dated 30 October 2018 for the GFMD to provide substantive inputs to the 2019 High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF), to be convened under the auspices of ECOSOC at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 9 to 18 July 2019.

The Chair has the honour to transmit herewith the Recommendations of the GFMD to the 2019 High-Level Political Forum that addresses the theme “*Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality*.” The report was prepared under the co-chairmanship of the GFMD’s Working Group on Sustainable Development and International Migration, and was subsequently endorsed by the GFMD Steering Group.

Through this report, the GFMD seeks to contribute to the implementation, follow up and review of the 2030 Agenda in general, with particular emphasis on this year’s focus on Goal 10.7, on *facilitating orderly, safe, and responsible migration and mobility of people, including through implementation of planned and well-managed migration policies*. The vital connection between migration and development embodied in Goal 10.7 has been the focus of the GFMD since its inception.


In particular, this report highlights the manifold linkages between migration and the SDGs and explores the explicit and implicit references to migration in the 2030 Agenda. It uses the following broadly defined and non-exhaustive categories to examine these links:

1. *Explicit migration-related targets;*
2. *Targets that can and should address the specific vulnerability and protection gaps specific to all groups of migrants and thus offer corresponding mechanisms to address these;*
3. *Targets that could benefit from the potential of migration and migrants;*
4. *Targets that address drivers of migration including employment or employment creation;*
5. *Targets that aim at developing adaptation strategies in order to reduce the consequences caused by climate change.*

In addition to addressing the links between migration and the SDGs, this report also seeks to highlight emerging concerns in global migration and development policies, including the role of the GFMD in linking these areas, advancing the dialogue and promoting concrete partnerships following the adoption of the Global Compact for Migration in 2018.

On behalf of the Global Forum, the GFMD Chair Ecuador wishes to thank the ECOSOC once again for the invitation to provide substantive inputs to the 2019 HLPF, and expresses the GFMD's readiness to prepare and submit its contribution for the succeeding HLPFs in accordance with the UN General Assembly Resolution 70/1.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurance of our highest consideration.



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