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**Brief statement of Partners in Population and Development (PPD)
at the GFMD Dialogue on the Global Compact for safe, orderly and
regular migration; 14:30 – 17:30 Room XXIII, Palais des Nations,
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Partners in Population and Development (PPD) welcomes the efforts of GFMD and other stakeholders and is committed to the spirit of New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants in pushing the agenda for adoption of a global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration. We congratulate Germany and Morocco as the co-chairs in 2017 and Morocco is a PPD member country.

Referring to the paragraph 7 of the Final Draft Resolution on Modalities for the intergovernmental negotiations of the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration *‘taking into account different realities, active participation of all relevant stakeholders, convening of national multistakeholder consultations and participation in global, regional and sub-regional platforms’*, PPD wants to bring to your attention its work as an inter-governmental organization on population and development issues especially affecting the countries from the global south.

PPD wants to reiterate importance of the South-South Cooperation on migration emerging as an ever-increasing issue and its wider impact on development assistance, trade and investment, infrastructure development and remittances.

In particular, PPD wants to emphasize the framework of South to South Partnership, through greater support for capacity building, encouraging commodity & technology transfer, policy and advocacy/dialogue, knowledge sharing, developing partnerships and population diplomacy.

PPD brings its experience from past and the recent annual Inter-Ministerial Conference of PPD held in Dakar (Nov 2016) that dedicated a high-level panel session on social cohesion of migrant population and learned from country experiences on promoting migrant-sensitive health policies and programs.

Why is South-South Cooperation important?

1. Huge political convening power with 26 Ministers of population and development and health in respective countries on the board of PPD representing 60% of the world's population.
2. South-South cooperation is steadily deepening its impact on development assistance, trade and investment, infrastructure development and remittances. The most recent estimated annual value of \$20 Billion of South-South cooperation for development highlights this phenomenon.
3. South-South migration accounted for 37 per cent of global migrant stock, larger than South-North migration at 35 per cent. There is the upward trend in South-South trade, the foreign direct investment flows into the global South and international migrant remittances which continue to outpace official development assistance by a wide margin.
4. Member countries from the global south are at the centre of migration issues, and strengthening continued engagement in countries through national institutions is paramount.

Thank you
