



**Global Compact for safe, orderly and regular Migration (GCM)
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I have the honor of speaking on behalf of the International Organisation of Employers (IOE), and the network of companies and business federations of the GFMD Business Mechanism.

Having followed every negotiating round, we have been impressed not just by patience, skill and good will of the co-facilitators, whom we join in thanking, but also by the desire of all governments to find consensus on ways to best protect the interests of both migrants and of their own citizens.

Regular migration is critical to the success of our enterprises - as well as our economies. That success requires a comprehensive and balanced approach - such as that sought in the GCM - that facilitates the economic contributions of migrants while protecting them from predatory practices.

We are gratified that some of our suggestions, including those related to skills development and skills mobility, were adopted in the text, and that business, as well as other groups, are recognized as essential contributors to what must be a shared responsibility. We count on the leadership of governments to take actions on the objectives agreed today.

The adoption of the GCM is the beginning, not the culmination, of a process, and we look forward to being a constructive contributor in the United Nations network coordinated by the IOM. In coming months, we will be consulting our member federations and companies to identify examples of best practice that can help transform the aspirations and interests of those in this room to realities on the ground.

Thank you.