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Bangladesh Statement in the Plenary of the High-level Intergovernmental Conference to adopt the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration by Ambassador H.E. Mr. Md. Shahidul Haque, Foreign Secretary of Bangladesh.

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Mr. President,

Excellencies,

Friends and colleagues,

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much cognizant of the valued contribution our expatriate Bangladeshis continue to make.

Mr. President,

7. We have always believed in and practised partnership and consulted with all stakeholders to find solutions to problems and issues. For example, we have concluded an arrangement with the European Union for a humane and mutually beneficial process of return of Bangladeshis. This manifests that even the most critical aspect of migration cycle could be resolved through consultation and partnership. In fact, our written Compact proposal to the UN Secretariat in April 2016 referred to such a possibility.

Mr. President,

8. As we implement the Compact, we should also be aware of issues such as climate change, identity politics, national populist measures, and rapid technological progress all of which will impact the world of work. Also, Bangladesh painfully recognizes that cross-border forced displacement caused by violence, extremism and ultra-nationalism compounds the task ahead of us.

9. It would help states immensely in their task of implementation, if adequate coherence and meaningful

cooperation is ensured between the two compacts nationally, regionally and globally.

10. As we all recognize, migration as a global phenomenon, it remains, perhaps, a continuing imperative for us to engage all in seeking to broaden support for the Compact.