Ladies and Gentlemen, Friends,

I will address you on behalf of Sweden and Turkey, current as well as the following Chairs of the GFMD. Our Swedish friends could not make it to Lima as they are having their own meetings in Geneva at the same dates. Ambassador Eva Aakerman Börje, sending her greetings to all of you, has asked me to represent both of our countries. So I will start with Sweden and then move on to a small projection of Turkish views regarding its presidency.

Introduction

- From 1 January this year, Sweden assumed the role as Chair of the GFMD. Sweden will be the Chair until June 2014, and will host the 7th meeting of the GFMD in Stockholm in 14-16 May 2014.

- The coming two years marks an important period for the global debate on development and migration – with both the upcoming, second UN High Level Dialogue on Migration and Development and the work on identifying new global development goals. Sweden and Turkey will seize this opportunity to enhance and make the work of GFMD even more relevant.

Overall priorities during the Swedish chairmanship

- The overall theme for the Swedish chairmanship is “Unlocking the potential of migration for inclusive development”
Sweden has **three mutually reinforcing key objectives:**

- **A more development-focused Forum** - redouble efforts to **strengthen the development perspective.**
- **A more dynamic Forum** - reenergize the involvement and ownership by states and seek better outreach to other stakeholders such as the civil society and the private sector.
- **A more durable Forum** - hope that the Forum’s **sustainable impact** on the global debate can be achieved by more stable and predictable funding, and by ensuring that the accumulated knowledge and good practice is shared and implemented more broadly.

**A more development-focused Forum**

- Sweden wants to **focus on identifying concrete synergies between development and migration** and to **attract development policymakers and stakeholders to the GFMD.**

- Sweden will use the current momentum - the High Level Dialogue on Migration and Development, the work on the post-2015 development agenda and the Chairmanship in the GFMD - to **strive towards a solid recognition of the contribution migration makes to realize the development goals.** Migration has an important place in the formulation of the future development agenda.

- Sweden, through its Minister for International Development Cooperation, Ms. Gunilla Carlsson, is actively engaged in the **UN High Level Panel,** which has been given the task to write a report on the new development goals. As a contribution to the deliberations of the panel, the minister has taken an initiative to **look closer at how migration can be integrated into this agenda.**

**A more dynamic Forum**

- Sweden is also **dedicated to the continuation and the improvement of the Forum as a process** and will proceed from the recommendations in the GFMD assessment report. Sweden will encourage stronger engagement and involvement of states and other stakeholders in the process.

- The civil society, including the private sector, plays an **important role in the work of the GFMD.** Sweden will strive towards vitalizing the dialogue with civil society – both on national and international levels, and also to engage the private sector as a distinct stakeholder group in the GFMD.

- Well-coordinated initiatives among international organisations, notably the GMG, can play a more important role both in improving the evidence base and in the voluntary follow-up on recommendations generated by the Forum.
A more durable Forum

- The GFMD can only continue as consolidated and sustainable process, if we can make **progress towards more stable and predictable funding.**

- We need to find forms to further enhance the impact of the GFMD on the global migration and development arena.

Conclusion

- Sweden has put forward an ambitious agenda for GFMD 2013-2014. We look forward to working together to move the work forward to our common objective of bringing more clear development benefits to migrants and to all countries involved.

**General points about the priorities during the upcoming Turkish Chairmanship in GFMD**

Turkey commends the Swedish Chair and the Swedish Task Force for the excellent work that they have been doing.

Holding the Budapest Process chairmanship since 2006 Turkey is deeply involved in the global debate and international cooperation in the area of migration management, from a security and control oriented approach to a more comprehensive, holistic concept of migration governance.

Turkey is willing to engage more internationally in the area of migration governance, in line with the dynamic role it is expected to play in the future of migration management in the Eurasia region.

Turkey has decided to take on the challenging task of chairing the GFMD in 2015 not only because of its' increasing significance in the area of migration, but also because of our increasing commitment to development issues. Turkey has vast experience to share in the area of migration and development.

We are in the early stages of the process of determining our game plan for our Chairmanship. So there is still very much to do. We will naturally assume the priorities of previous Chairs, However, at this early stage, I can say that our additional points of concentration will be mobility (bringing down the obstacles such as visas and similar barriers); human rights of the migrants; abolishing the notions of discrimination and xenophobia; and utilizing the Turkish experience on the Small and Medium Enterprises (SMI’s), which is considered one of the best means of development.
The fundamental need of all migrants is the recognition. Through recognition in the countries they are migrants first and foremost would be able to access the basic services mainly health, education and social security. This would enable them to better integrate and contribute to their host communities as well as to their own. This would lead turning them into development agents without additional effort.

Another important point would be the remittances. People migrate to earn income for making a better life. Migrant workers send the money back to their families. Enabling cash transfers with a minimal cost would lead to improve the use of remittances for the benefit of the sustainable economic and social development of the countries of origin. Turkey can offer a vast experience to share in the area of making better use of remittances in contributing to migration and development.

A crucial aspect of Turkey's future migration governance will be the emphasis on keeping a balance between security and human rights, given the fact that a holistic approach is critical in migration management, without undermining the needs and rights of migrants.

We also believe that all aspects/dimensions of migration at national, regional and global level are interlinked and cannot be addressed in isolation. For example, rather than reducing the issue of irregular migration to a security perspective, we believe that development policies, that focus on the reasons pushing persons to irregular migration will lead to more durable solutions for both sending and receiving countries. Irregular migration can be best avoided by providing mechanisms for legal migration in addition to the conventional mechanisms in combating migrant smuggling.

Due to its dynamic and ever-shifting nature, migration can be better addressed with a comprehensive approach. The analysis of trends, impacts and projections regarding economic, demographic and societal development of migration is a pre-requisite for effective response. Thus, other relevant policies, such as foreign policy, economy, and development should also be taken into account. Furthermore, this approach requires a cooperative process in which all actors have a voice, including the governments and civil societies of the sending countries, the receiving populations and above all, the migrants themselves. To be effective, policies need to be fair and to be perceived as fair by all the groups involved.

Some friends have asked me whether we will draw any linkage between GFMD and the Budapest Process during our Chairmanship. It is only natural for us to have parallels between the two as we will be the Chair of both. However, I would like to stress that we will not limit ourselves with the Budapest Process only, but will be open to interaction with every institution that is willing to contribute.

The fifth Ministerial Conference of the Budapest Process held on 19 April 2013 gathered 28 Ministers/Deputy Ministers, 230 delegates from 52 participating and observer countries and relevant regional and international organisations. The "Istanbul Ministerial Declaration on a Silk Routes Partnership for Migration" having a specific priority area of Migration and Development, with the goal of strengthening the positive impact of migration on development, both in countries of origin and of destination, is a strong indicator of the link between the future work of the Process and the goals and aim of the GFMD. The Istanbul Declaration has already been referred to as one of the most balanced and far-reaching documents in the field of migration adopted by such a wide range of countries.
In the Declaration a wide range of activities are foreseen such as mainstreaming migration into development planning as well as taking into account development issues when elaborating migration policies; promoting sustainable, comprehensive, balanced and efficient policies on migration and development; ensuring a multi-actor approach, inviting relevant development stakeholders, including public and private sector to engage in dialogue and concrete cooperation; facilitating circular migration and active engagement in development; engaging with diasporas towards making better use of their contributions; improving the use of monetary and social remittances for the benefit of the sustainable economic and social development of the countries of origin; fostering sustainable reintegration; counteracting possible negative effects of emigration on the countries of origin; addressing the gap between emergency relief, humanitarian assistance and sustainable development, exploring and addressing development-related causes of migration and developing and strengthening small and medium migrant entrepreneurship.

The operational cooperation foreseen in the Declaration in six priority areas: migration and mobility, integration, migration and development, irregular migration, trafficking in persons, international protection are all relevant to the 2013 UN General Assembly High Level Dialogue on Migration and Development.

As conclusion, I would like to reiterate that we will follow our Swedish friends’ style and will be drawing our road map in consultation with all the willing stakeholders.

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