



Manila Communiqué Adopting the Framework of Regional Collaboration and Interim Operating Modalities of the Abu Dhabi Dialogue

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We, the Ministers and delegations from Afghanistan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, China, India, Indonesia, Kuwait, Nepal, Oman, Pakistan, the Philippines, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, and Vietnam aspire to achieve mutual benefits for workers, employers, countries of origin and countries of destination gained in contract labor mobility through properly managed employment cycles.

We assemble to express our strong resolve to sustain cooperation in the region through the development of instruments that shall outline the areas for collaboration and the means to move the process of consultation forward.

In unity, we commit to adopt the *Framework of Regional Collaboration, 2012 for the Abu Dhabi Dialogue* and support its guidelines for voluntary initiatives, and increased collaboration and partnerships to ensure welfare and protection of contract workers and to: enhance the employability and skills of workers; improve the recruitment process; ensure a better balance between labor supply and demand; facilitate worker adaptation to foreign employment; respond effectively to contractual employment problems; adequately prepare workers for return; recognize knowledge and skills acquired through employment abroad; and facilitate the re-employment and reintegration of returning workers (hereto appended as integral part of this Communiqué).

We further commit to continue building strong partnerships and adopt the *Interim Guidelines for Operating Modalities of the Abu Dhabi Dialogue* which defines our approaches for future dialogues, consultations and engagements, and establish a support structure for the Abu Dhabi Dialogue in the United Arab Emirates until the development of a set of permanent operating modalities to be submitted to the Third Ministerial Meeting in 2014 (also hereto appended and made an integral part of this Communiqué).

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