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Rebooting global governance of migration and development

An HD agenda for a 5 year agenda

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Mr. Chair, colleagues in government,

In November last year, over 800 representatives of civil society organizations met in the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) in Mauritius and in the World Social Forum on Migration in Manila. In plenaries and working sessions, we developed the proposal to you to adopt a **5 year Agenda of Collaboration between governments and civil society** as an outcome at this year's High Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development (HLD). One of the 8 points on that Agenda is collaborating together, over 5 years, in a practical "reboot" of migration governance.

Preparing specifically for this year's HLD, civil society organized 21 regional, national and thematic consultations around the world, many working on the 5 year Agenda, including governance.

This weekend, 200 civil society leaders from around the world expressed strong convergence to collaborate with you on this, non confrontationally, over the next 5 years, as co actors and cofactors in the dynamics of human mobility and development.

What is "governance"? Governance is *the* *the* and, not necessarily single institutions but *the* of practical cooperation.

The on migration we have—more than ever before. And it is good essential: building important trust and promoting concrete action quite notably in regional processes and the GFMD. But this world of globalized mobility and markets, with huge development prospects and consequences, calls us *to* a **new level of engagement and cooperation**: among governments and with civil society, fully including migrants, diaspora, social partners and the private sector.

If governance is dialogue, engagement and systems of cooperation, then at the HLD—and after—let's *the* take a rights centred, **tools based approach** to governance of: mobility, migrant labour and development, but *the* the tools—positive, practical and protection tools—and implementing them in a system that works.

In labour:

- < what can we together offer to workers whose labour and other contributions are so important to the developed world, but whose skills are under utilized, whose recruitment

and status is often left irregular, whose working conditions and labour rights are widely unequal to other workers or altogether indecent? At the HLD and in our 5 year collaboration after, we might look at greatly strengthening the ILO and in particular its **Multilateral Framework on Labour Migration**, as practical instruments of complementary