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**Statement by Elene Agladze,
Deputy Permanent Representative of Georgia to the United Nations
on UN General Assembly plenary resolution
to endorse the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration
adopted by the Intergovernmental Conference**

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Madam President,

In today's interdependent world, the better management of migration at all levels is crucial. The international community should be capable to adequately address this complex and often contested global phenomenon with the aim to harness its positive benefits and reduce potential challenges, guarantee the protection of fundamental rights of migrants and members of communities in the countries of origin, transit and destination. Thus, we consider Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration as an expression of willingness and goodwill of the states to prevent irregular migration and reinforce collective actions to achieve the above objectives through the balanced approach based on national interests, capabilities of the states and existing needs.

Let me underline two main factors that contributed to Georgia's joining the compact:

Firstly, number of measures envisaged by the GCM's cooperative framework and its 23 objectives, have already been put in place or implemented by Georgia, aiming at improving the migration management in accordance with the contemporary environment. The implementation of those measures is steadily underway with the assistance of the EU, UN and other partner organizations and states.

At the same time, the non-legally binding nature of the Compact provides with the strong basis to review the text by considering both – the national perspective and global challenges.

Thank you.