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*Excellencies,
Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen.*

**Assalamualaikum Wr Wb,
Good morning.**

1. First and foremost, I would like to commend the Chair of the Abu Dhabi Dialogue, the Permanent Secretariat of the Abu Dhabi Dialogue, the Government of the United Arab Emirates, for hosting this 8th Ministerial Consultation of the Abu Dhabi Dialogue, and for the invitation extended to us.
2. For more than 20 years, the Bali Process has served as a platform for collaboration, knowledge-sharing, and regional responses to trafficking in persons and irregular migration.
3. In recent years, we have observed an increasingly close nexus between labour migration, trafficking in persons, and people smuggling, driven by crises, economic vulnerabilities, as well as limited access and awareness to safe and regular migration pathways.
4. These challenges are further exacerbated by evolving methods of recruitment and exploitation, including the misuse of technology by organised criminal networks.
5. Collectively, these dynamics underscore the continued relevance of regional and international cooperation in responding to today's evolving migration challenges.
6. At the Eighth Bali Process Ministerial Conference, the Bali Process endorsed the 2023 Adelaide Strategy for Cooperation, which outlines eight priority areas to reinvigorate a more agile, relevant, and responsive cooperation.
 - ➔ It focuses on enhancing law enforcement, victim protection, border management, and technological collaboration to combat evolving threats.
7. To implement this Strategy, the Bali Process Working Group on Trafficking in Persons and the Task Force on Planning and Preparedness have taken practical steps, including: organizing workshops on prosecuting online trafficking syndicates, boosting community awareness, and exploring technology, including AI, to combat trafficking and people smuggling.

Ladies and gentlemen,

8. In this context, allow me to share **3 (three)** brief reflections for our collective consideration going forward.
9. **First**, the importance of continuing to promote innovative and adaptive approaches to ensure safe, orderly, and regular migration.
 - ➔ This involves tackling root causes and prevention, improve protection and information for migrant workers, and enhances law enforcement cooperation, including in countering the misuse of technology by organised criminal networks.
10. **Second**, the need to further strengthen our shared understanding of the nexus between irregular migration, trafficking in persons, and labour migration.
 - ➔ Such understanding can help ensure that policies across labour, migration, and criminal justice frameworks remain coherent, protection-oriented, and responsive to evolving vulnerabilities.
11. **Third**, reinforcing multilateral platforms and partnerships to deliver practical and coordinated outcomes.
 - ➔ Since these crimes are increasingly complex and cross borders, countries must work together. We value the closer collaboration between the Abu Dhabi Dialogue and the Bali Process in uniting efforts on labor mobility and combating organized crime.
12. In closing, we look forward to collaborating with partners and hope that this Dialogue advance practical, inclusive, and sustainable approaches to labour mobility and migration governance.

Thank you.

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