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I am proud to support the latest edition of the International Organization for Migration’s flagship publication, the World Migration Report.

The report has been produced every two years since the year 2000, providing detailed analysis of global migration data and trends. It provides important clarity on global migration issues during a challenging time in our collective histories. With 29 per cent of Australia’s national population being born overseas, Australia fully recognizes the importance of global migration and the work of IOM. Australia is a proud contributor and member of IOM. As a Founding Member State, Australia celebrates the 70th anniversary of IOM’s creation and our ongoing engagement on migration management. We remain committed to being a strong and enduring partner well into the future.

Australia has long supported the publication of the World Migration Report. This reflects our broad interest in incorporating regional migration perspectives into analysis of key migration issues and supporting informal and non-binding regional migration mechanisms including consultative mechanisms like the Bali Process and the Intergovernmental Consultations on Migration, Asylum and Refugees.

As the world continues to face the unprecedented global challenges arising from the COVID-19 pandemic, and its impact on migration and the international movement, comprehensive analysis and understanding of migration trends is now more important than ever. That is why the World Migration Report should not be allowed to sit on the metaphoric bookshelf; rather it should be used to inform decision-makers and policy debate, contribute to education, enlighten the public discourse and debunk persistent myths around migration through verifiable data. I commend IOM for developing a technologically interactive platform to view data in this report.

I appreciate IOM’s efforts to increase the availability of the report in more languages from just one language in 2005 to ten languages in 2021. These initiatives will complement the work being done on world migration toolkits for teachers, fact checkers, policy officials and the media, and to broaden the potential audience of the World Migration Report.

I thank IOM’s global leadership for contributing to this report and reiterate Australia’s support for IOM as a long-term valued partner, and as the leading agency with global expertise on migration.