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Thank you to Director General Antonio Vitorino for inviting me to join you today, and thank you to our moderator, Ms. Daniels, and the other distinguished panelists. Congratulations on launching the newest edition of the World Migration Report and for the useful new data visualization features and tools that accompany it. We are pleased to support the work of the IOM on this report.

Looking at the report and the remarks that were just made, there are three points that I wanted to highlight from our perspective at the Robert Bosch Foundation.

First, the overall political environment in which these findings take place:

Not only are we still in the middle of a global pandemic, but we are in the middle of much larger changes with growing geopolitical competition accompanied by a decline of multilateralism and international cooperation overall; transformations to all of our lives due to climate change and technological developments; and the challenge to core norms and values that we are witnessing as part of these developments. These trends are inseparable from other relevant global issues – such as inequality with its different dimensions while social cohesion is under pressure worldwide

The growing displacement numbers that the report highlights, including the worrying rise in internal displacement events due to disaster and conflict is only one of the many impacts these larger changes will have on migration, displacement, and human mobility. Just as these larger political and global developments influence each other, we need to assess them in a way that takes into account the complexity and the interdependencies.

At the Foundation we focus on migration, climate change, inequality, peace, democracy and immigration society, and we put a particular emphasis in our work on the interlinkages and interdependencies between them, along with our work on health and education which are very relevant in migration policy.

We consider four areas as key to human mobility in the future - climate induced human mobility; technological change; the future of international protection; and the role of other actors such as mayors and cities.

It is important that the focus areas you have highlighted in the report include both climate change and climate-induced mobility, and the role of AI and new technologies. Technology will disrupt how we manage migration globally and we

need to find a way between tech-dystopia and tech-solutionism and develop it in way that upholds human rights.

The second point I wanted to make is that the report provides a key pillar for evidence-based policy making, as has been said before, and discussions in the field of migration, which are crucial if we want to work together on migration internationally.

Director General Vitorino stated that the report helps “to demystify the complexity and diversity of human mobility.” We need data and analysis for our discussion on migration and the challenge will be to combine data with the human faces of migration. Migration policies strongly influenced by public opinion and data should not be abused to help weaponize migrants and migration and to instrumentalize public opinion.

Third, the findings hint at key tensions concerning the future of human mobility and migration in a post COVID-19 world:

For example, whether the staggering amount of 108,000 travel restrictions that are documented in the report will become a more common feature of global human mobility with all of its consequences. We will need to reconcile two opposing trends: travel restrictions and immobility on the one hand, and increasing displacement, on the other. And we are witnessing norms regarding human mobility across borders vanish, while new ones such as those related to digitalization will need to be put in place.

This report offers all of us working towards a human mobility and migration system based on human dignity and human rights, including the non-governmental and philanthropic sector, a common ground.

We need the collaboration of all actors – from international organizations, national governments, local authorities, media, civil society, the private sector and academia. I want to congratulate IOM for including diverse stakeholders in its work, especially through the UN Migration Network and we hope that the International Migration Review Forum in May 2022 will be a space for all of us to jointly build even more momentum.

Thank you.