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And co-signed by  
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Thank you, Madame Vice President.

VIDES International and Istituto Internazionale Maria Ausiliatrice – IIMA, welcome the Report of the Special Rapporteur on migrant women and girls. We are deeply concerned about the multiple and intersectional discriminations they face in the countries of origin, transit and destination. It is urgent to minimize factors that force people to migrate, ensure pathways for regular migration, realize the full inclusion and integration of migrants in the host country.

In accordance with the recommendations outlined by the Special Rapporteur, **VIDES and IIMA call on States to:**

- Provide complete gender-responsive and child-sensitive information on migration-related risks and on the legislative framework of the destination country;
- Guarantee legal, psychological, medical, and social support to victims of trafficking and violence, especially of girls and women;
- Recognize foreign qualifications and skills of migrants and ensure their access to education, particularly of pregnant girls and women victims of abuse;
- Develop effective and safe forms of family-based care as an alternative care response for the continued protection of unaccompanied and separated girls by providing appropriate preparation to prospective carers;
- Ensure rigorous training of public officials, social workers and health care providers, working directly with migrants.

Thank you, Madame Vice President.