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Sub: **Input on the Secretary General's report on Human rights of migrants**

Dear Madam/Sir,

As a migrant, I am honored to be invited to contribute to a comprehensive report on the “Human Rights of Migrants” prepared by the UN Secretary-General. I had the opportunity to attend and make recommendations for the stock-taking consultation for the GCM in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, on 04-06 December 2017, and the first IMRF conference at UNHQ in NY, USA, on 17-20 May 2022.

I am Anisur Rahman Khan, a Bangladeshi, returning migrant, migrant community activist and community development worker at home and abroad. I am the Executive Director of the International Migrant Alliance (IMA) Research Foundation, a grassroots migrant organization in Bangladesh. I am also a Research Associate of Equidem, a UK-based research organization on labor rights, especially migrant labor rights. The geographical and ethnic/national diversity of Equidem’s research areas and researchers have enriched the research publications.

In my experience as a migrant, migrant community activist and research associate of Equidem, your esteemed organization has covered the entire migration issues. Even my last proposal at the first IMRF at UNHQ NY USA too. We migrant communities are grateful to you and your office.

My simple recommendation is to ensure the employment, involvement, engagement of migrant and migrant communities in every stages of migration such as seminars, symposiums, consultations, workshops, panel discussions, program management and organization, especially migrant and migrant communities are not very smart like other CSOs, so all your UN agencies like IOM, ILO, UNWoman etc. need to run some of their own programs and projects at community, national, regional and international levels, where the involvement of migrant and migrant communities will be ensured. My ultimate goal of the recommendation is to empower migrants in their society, national, regional and international arena. I owe to you for my last sentence that migration should be migrant-centric.

Thank you for your understanding and for giving me the opportunity to share my innermost thoughts.

Sincerely yours,

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