

**Statement by the Representative of the Federal Democratic Republic of  
Ethiopia at the 106<sup>th</sup> Session of the International Organization for Migration  
Council under Agenda Item 10**

**Mr. Chairperson,**

We join delegations who spoke before us in congratulating you the Chairperson, the Vice chairperson and the rapporteur on your election.

Ethiopia aligns itself with the African Group Statement under this agenda item.

**Mr. Chairperson,**

We thank the Director General for the brief report.

Ethiopia welcomes the activities by IOM to assist the efforts of the Government of Ethiopia in preventing trafficking in persons and protecting its victims. Ethiopia commends IOM for the work done in ensuring the safe and dignified repatriation of Ethiopian migrants. Ethiopia also commends the humanitarian activities of IOM to assist migrants that are engaged in a dangerous secondary movement by land and at sea and migrants caught in crises. This should further be strengthened in collaboration with the relevant UN agencies and other humanitarian actors.

**Mr. Chairperson,**

While addressing the root causes for migration remains central, the protection and promotion of the human rights of migrants and their families and ensuring their benefit from their migration is also of utmost important. The protection of the human rights of migrants in their transit and destination countries remains a challenge. The multifaceted problems faced by migrants in

their transit and destination countries as well as the issues related with the root causes for migration require sustainable solutions.

In the coming year leading towards the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of IOM, it is important to further strengthen the activities of the Organization to protect the human rights of migrants, irrespective of their status. IOM could take initiatives to ensure the integration of migrants and change the negative perception on migration in the destination countries. This would require the Organization and the Director General to work in close collaboration with destination countries, create focused forums for dialogue and design and implement policy frameworks.

**Mr. Chairperson,**

The root causes for migration such as poverty and unemployment would require IOM to design and implement tailored projects that would contribute to the economic and social development of the specific communities that are affected by trafficking in persons and to address the problems of such communities that are engaging in a dangerous movements. IOM may collaborate with other development actors in the design, resource mobilization and implementation of such projects.

Full recognition of the positive role of migration in the global economy at the international and national policy-making level is required for a fair and effective migration that will contribute for the sustainable development if countries of origin, transit and destination. Recognition of the contribution that migrants make to the societies from which they come from and where they work has to be translated into instruments of governance which guarantee a fair sharing of the prosperity which migration helps to create while respecting their fundamental rights by offering them real opportunities for decent work and integration in the society they find themselves in. In this regard, we commend IOM for initiatives

that are aimed at ensuring the benefits of migrants and their families, such as initiatives to reduce the cost of migration and remittances.

**Mr. Chairperson,**

In relation to the different forums which IOM will participate, we have noted that at the 32<sup>nd</sup> International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, migration has features as a key theme. Recognizing the role of the 32<sup>nd</sup> International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent in relation to humanitarian response and humanitarian action, we would like to know about the participation IOM at the Conference.

Finally, I would like to conclude by reiterating the firm commitment of Ethiopia to further strengthen its cooperation with IOM.

**I thank you.**