

The statement of Libya before the IOM council.
107th session.

Excellencies and dear colleagues;

Very good morning.

Mr. Chairman;

At the outset, let me congratulate you for assuming the chairmanship of the IOM Council, wishing you and the members of your bureau a very successful session.

We believe that under your leadership and guidance, the council will accomplish its mission to the very extent.

We would also like to extend our warm felicitations to Dr. William Swing on the occasion of the 65th anniversary of the IOM.

For the last eight years of his mandate, Dr. Swing and his staff have been doing their utmost in order to bring up this organization to the highest level.

Libya highly commends the critical step led to The signing of IOM UN agreement on September 19, 2016 by which IOM became part of the UN system.

Mr. Chairman;

My delegation warmly welcomes The New York declaration adopted in the world summit on migrants and refugees in September 2016.

This document shows solidarity, determination, and commitments of the international community to drafting a global compact on orderly, safe and regular migration.

This process shall involve not only member states, but also a wide range of related civil societies and migrants themselves.

Mr. Chairman;

In spite of the fact that migrants and refugees' issues are interlinked and interrelated, yet A significant difference occurs.

While refugees flee their homes searching for a refuge and shelter from a natural disaster or an armed conflict without a plan or a destination, Migrants leave their homelands with dreams, plans and destination.

In this context, we are deeply concerned about the attempts to use certain controversial terminologies namely:

- Resettlement programs;
- Social integration;
- Host country's primary responsibility.

Such terminologies are not applicable to a transit country.

These can only be applied to a country of destination.

Mr. Chairman;

We would like to express our profound thanks and appreciation for the understanding of the IOM to the situation in Libya as well as the high spirit of continued cooperation reflected in a number of workshops and training programs and operations of repatriation of stranded migrants back to their countries of origin.

Mr. Chairman;

Forced irregular migration is a global phenomenon, thus it requires a global action.

As a transit country, Livia cannot face the challenge on its own.

In this regard;

We urge our neighboring countries to secure and manage their borders and reinforce the bilateral security agreements in order to counter smugglers and human traffickers.

We also call on the international community to widen the scope of a safe and regular migration.

Without doing so; the suffer and pain of migrants will begin in the countries of origin and continue to grow in the countries of destination manifested in forms of Xenophobia, hatred and intolerance.

Finally Mr. Chairman, Excellencies and dear colleagues;

Let's put our hands together and help building a better world for all ,where no one is left behind.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.