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The Council,

Recalling its Resolution No. 1309 of 24 November 2015, in which it requested the Director General to improve the legal basis of the relationship between IOM and the United Nations, based on the essential elements of the Organization and retaining certain attributes to which its Member States attach importance, namely its character as a responsive, efficient, cost-effective, non-normative and independent agency,

Recalling also its Resolution No. 1317 of 30 June 2016, entitled the Agreement concerning the relationship between the United Nations and the International Organization for Migration, which invited the Director General to take the necessary steps, in cooperation with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, to conclude, sign and implement the Agreement, through which IOM became part of the United Nations system,

Recalling further the undertaking of IOM and the United Nations in the Agreement concerning the relationship between the United Nations and the International Organization for Migration, in which the United Nations recognizes the IOM Constitution, and noted the essential characteristics of IOM and its functioning as an independent, autonomous and non-normative international organization, and in which IOM recognizes the responsibilities of the United Nations under its Charter and the mandates and responsibilities of other United Nations organizations and subsidiary organs and agencies, including in the field of migration,¹

Noting with satisfaction that the Agreement concerning the relationship between the United Nations and the International Organization for Migration was signed and came into effect on 19 September 2016, and that, over one year later, IOM enjoys strengthened coordination and collaboration with other parts of the United Nations system and continues to add value to multilateral frameworks and processes through the provision of its particular expertise in migration-related matters,

¹ Articles 2(3), 2(4) and 2(5) of the Agreement.

Recalling the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants, adopted by the Member States of the United Nations,² launching, inter alia, a process of intergovernmental negotiations on a global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration, and envisaging that the Secretariat of the United Nations and IOM would jointly service the negotiations, with IOM extending the technical and policy expertise required,

Recognizing the important role played by IOM to support the preparatory process to develop a global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration by the United Nations General Assembly in full conformity with its resolution 71/280 of 6 April 2017, entitled Modalities for the intergovernmental negotiations of the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration,³

Recalling also that, with the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, migration is included for the first time in the global development framework, in recognition of the integral role of migration in the overall framework of the Sustainable Development Goals and the contribution that well-managed migration can make to sustainable development and the Goals,

1. *Welcomes* the strengthened coordination and collaboration between IOM and other parts of the United Nations system based on the Agreement concerning the relationship between the United Nations and the International Organization for Migration, which brought IOM into the United Nations system, and which helps States to address migration issues, contributing to the protection of and assistance for migrants more comprehensively, and promoting better coherence between migration and related operational and policy domains;⁴

2. *Welcomes also*, inter alia, the Organization's consequential greater involvement in the United Nations system decision-making and coordination bodies, including membership in the United Nations Development Group, full participation in all Regional UNDG Teams, official membership in all United Nations country teams, the issuance of the United Nations laissez-passer to IOM staff, as well as an increase in the United Nations entities applying for observer status in the IOM Council;

3. *Notes* Article 4 of the Agreement concerning the relationship between the United Nations and the International Organization for Migration, which provides that IOM could submit reports to the General Assembly of the United Nations if it decides it to be appropriate;

4. *Requests* IOM to support, within available resources, States and other stakeholders, at the local, regional and global levels as requested, to achieve the migration-related elements of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in order to harness the developmental potential of migration for the benefit of migrants and societies;

5. *Recognizes* and appreciates the invaluable technical and policy expertise and support provided by IOM to its Member States, the President of the General Assembly, the co-facilitators of the intergovernmental consultations and negotiations and the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for International Migration, during the consultations phase for the development of a global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration, including the various national and regional consultative processes and international dialogue forums;

² United Nations General Assembly resolution 71/1 of 19 September 2016.

³ United Nations General Assembly resolution 71/280, paragraphs 15, 18, 22 and 26.

⁴ Article 2(2) of the Agreement and paragraph 49 of the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants.

6. *Calls upon* IOM to continue to provide its invaluable support during the stocktaking phase, the intergovernmental negotiations phase and in the lead-up to and during the intergovernmental conference to be held in 2018 on a global compact, and after that as may be provided for in such global compact;

7. *Calls upon* all Member States to support IOM's current and future role as the global lead agency on migration and its work to promote conditions for safe, orderly and regular migration;

8. *Encourages* all Member States in a position to do so to provide voluntary financial support to IOM in order to further strengthen the Organization's existing capacity to provide States with technical and policy support, as well as to facilitate political dialogue on migration at the national, regional and global levels.
