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Thank you, Mr. Chairman,

At the outset, let me congratulate you for your election as Chairperson of the Council.

I am certain that your competence, experience and wisdom will guide us through the upcoming year.

Allow me also to warmly welcome DG Vitorino and wish him a very a successful term.

We pledge to work closely with him to further improve and develop IOM, so that it can adequately fulfill its mandate.

On behalf of the Government of Brazil, I welcome Uzbekistan to the IOM.

Its participation strengthens the organization and contributes to our common goal of enhancing migration governance.

Mr. Chairman,

We are approaching the International Conference in Marrakesh that will adopt the Global Compact on Migration.

Despite being far from perfect, the GCM has captured various views and translated a wide range of concerns.

Brazil is pleased that, above all, it has privileged the protection of the human rights of all migrants regardless of their migratory status.

It is a comprehensive framework that builds upon existing standards and good practices.

It addresses migration from a 360-degree perspective, taking into consideration the interconnected challenges facing countries of origin, transit and destination.

Although Brazil has always been a country of destination, we are also mindful of our responsibilities as a country of transit and of origin.

We have done our utmost to meet the needs of Brazilian communities abroad and we will continue to do so.

We are committed to doing our utmost to meet the needs of Brazilian communities abroad as well as to hosting migrants safeguarding their human dignity.

In that context, we see the GCM as an invaluable tool to protect nationals abroad.

We highlight, in this regard, commitments and actions related to the access to justice and to basic services regardless of migration status; to the promotion of decent work; to the specific predicament of migrant women; to the centrality of the principle of the best interest of the child; to the assurances on safe and dignified return; among others.

Mr. Chairman,

As we progress to the next phase, IOM will be increasingly called upon to support States in the implementation of the Global Compact.

The UN capacity to address migratory issues has been strengthened, in benefit for all countries.

We will need to work together to enhance substantive dialogue between IOM and Member States.

We are confident that IOM will rise to the occasion and adapt itself to fulfill its new tasks.

Brazil will continue to support IOM in this journey.

Thank you.