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GENERAL DEBATE

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Mr. Chairman,
Mr. Director General
Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

We would like first of all to extend our warmest congratulations to you for your election to the chairmanship of the 94th Council. Our congratulations also go to the other members of the Bureau.

Mr. Chairman,

In recent years, migration has been always on the top of the international agenda and drawn special attention by all countries. Movements of people today are more diverse and complex than in previous years, with more temporary and circular migration. Countries increasingly recognize that migration hold great potential to contribute to the growth, development and stability of global economy.

Due to the economic globalization, countries progressively recognize their shared migration interests and the value of the strengthened cooperation and coordination to effectively manage migration. Migration cannot be managed effectively through national measure alone or through addressing individual migration issues in isolation. It requires joint efforts at the regional and global level to strengthen national capacity.

Mr. Chairman,

I would like to express my delegation's great interest on the main theme of the 94th Session of IOM Council "Migration management in the Evolving Global Economy", as well as the comprehensive and well-prepared World Migration Report 2008 which analyses the contemporary patterns of human mobility, mainly employment-related movement and outlines broad strategies to manage labour mobility in a balanced and integrated way. We share the view that today labour migration becomes an integral part of global economy which requires a comprehensive policy at national, regional and global level in order to maximize the benefits of all stakeholders (migrant workers, employers, sending and receiving countries). My delegation believes that observations, conclusions and recommendations of the Report will be well taken into consideration by the Organization with the view to be put into appropriate actions.

Through presentations and active discussions during the past 2 days of International Migration Dialogue, there are many valuable thoughts, ideas and experience relating to management of labour migration which are useful and practical for every country. We also note with great interest several issues raised by a number of delegates such as the status and rights of migrant workers, the brain drain which developing countries may be faced with the present trends of labour migration, the way to ensure safe and legal channel for labour migration, the way to make labour mobility serving at best development goals of sending and receiving countries.

Mr. Chairman,

The Government of Vietnam attaches great importance to the management of international migration, especially that of labour migration. As you may know, the number of Vietnamese working abroad has been increasing in recent years. There are over 400.000 Vietnamese working under time-limit contracts in over 40 countries and territories. In order to effectively ensure the protection of their legitimate rights and interests, the Government of Viet Nam has undertaken a number of policies and measures such as: promulgating of laws and regulations on sending workers abroad; establishing agencies specializing in dealing with migrant workers; strictly supervising recruitment companies and agencies, setting up labour management offices at major destination countries, enhancing the programme of pre-departure for workers for skill-training and cultural orientation education, etc. In addition, my country also cooperates closely and actively with destination countries in solving problems relating to migrant workers.

Mr. Chairman,

My delegation would also like to express its appreciation to the wide range of activities and measures that IOM has undertaken during the past years in managing international migration all over the world. We are of the view that in order to promote and enhance the cooperation among all countries involved to manage labour migration

more effectively and better ensure the protection of legitimate rights of migrant workers, IOM, as a leading intergovernmental organization dealing with migration issues, should continue to further focus on activities to assist those countries in need to improve their capacity to deal with labour migration. Such activities will include, *inter alia* :

- *Assisting sending and receiving countries to formulate appropriate policy on labour migration and development in order to ensure safe and orderly labour movement, including capacity building;*
- *Assisting to access new labour markets for our workers;*
- *Providing services in pre-departure training and orientation for migrant workers (job training, education of languages and cultures...).*
- *Contributing to the insurance of migrant workers' legitimate rights in accordance with international standards (working conditions, healthcare service, education, social welfare...)*
- *Coordinating efforts to the fight against human smuggling and trafficking.*
- *Last but not least, providing further support and funds to IOM country's missions so as to help them effectively accomplish their tasks in respective countries.*

I thank you Mr. Chairman.