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- I. At the informal consultations on IOM Strategy (document MC/INF/274) held on 14 October 2004, it was decided that a Conference Room Paper would be prepared by the Administration, incorporating in a summary form the main points raised in the informal consultations and any additional comments that may be submitted by Member States. These points and comments are summarized below.

- II. Summary of points raised in the informal consultations held on 14 October 2004.
 - The "strategy paper" is a useful document that could provide directions for the next decade, giving IOM an opportunity to look at strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats, but more discussion is needed.
 - The fact that some of the 1995 objectives were difficult to measure could be an indication that the mandate was too broadly defined.
 - New activities and challenges are presented: are they not too ambitious and should IOM not restrict its involvement to areas where it has a comparative advantage?
 - More information could be provided on some of the objectives reformulated in paragraph 28 of the "strategy paper", such as support to diaspora, remittances, labour migration.
 - Is it appropriate for IOM to claim a leadership role in the migration field?
 - Do Member States – and the Administration – have a shared vision of IOM's objectives?
 - The meaning of the four-box chart and its relation to IOM's objectives should be clarified.
 - There is a need to also take into account the IOM-UN relationship, as well as other partnerships (GMG, GCIM).

This summary does not include the responses and clarifications provided by the Administration.

III. Summary of additional comments submitted by four Member States:

- Links to the 1995 strategy document should be clearer.
- Strategy paper is informative, but is not a strategy paper.
- Strategy paper outlines a bold vision for the future: are some of the areas not already covered by other organizations?
- Objectives should be measurable and framed in a strategic context using a methodology such as SMARTA, i.e. the objectives should be Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time framed and Agreed.
- More information would be needed on the Global Commission on International Migration (GCIM), the high-level dialogue on migration of 2006 and, generally, cooperation and coordination with the United Nations.
- GCIM report should be examined, once issued, before deciding on IOM strategy.
- IOM should not allow its direction to be solely determined by the outcomes of other reviews of international migration.
- Clearer understanding of mandate is needed before looking into strategy.
- Financial limitations may hamper expansion of membership, activities and initiatives. There is an urgent need to resolve the problem of outstanding contributions.
- Should IOM play a leading role in international migration law and its promotion? Should IOM be a clearing house for data? Should IOM expand its role in post-conflict situations? Is IOM a pre-eminent world organization dealing with migration and a leading partner in some fields of activity?
- IOM can play an important role as key repository of international migration law and in advocating the strengthening of managed migration through international law.
- IOM is the pre-eminent world organization dealing with the full spectrum of migration issues (except for forced migration on grounds of persecution).
- Support of Member States is essential.