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**Statement**

by

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In the Name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful

Madame Chairperson,

Mr. Director General,

Excellencies,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

At the outset, I would like to express my appreciation to the IOM and in particular to its Director General, Mr. McKinely, for his excellent stewardship of the Organization. The International Organization for Migration, as a progressive body, plays a constructive and sensitive role in promoting management and integration of migration policies. This has largely contributed to introduction of strategies and policies among its member states at bilateral, regional or international levels. The Islamic Republic of Iran wishes to support the valuable initiatives introduced by

IOM. The Organization has already proved its capacity to play a leading role in mainstreaming efforts and initiatives addressing migration.

In recent years, the issue of migration has been standing high on the agenda of international dialogues, thus requiring serious thought and decisions by all governments and policy-makers, regardless of the nature of their interferences or interests in the management of the movements of natural persons. We believe that an effective international migration management and monitoring could be achieved by a comprehensive and coherent approach to the phenomenon of migration through dialogue and cooperation at all levels.

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

We have been witnessing that economic growth narrows differences and reduces the motivation for migration. In Asia it has been experienced that such factor has transformed a country from an emigration to a net immigration area by creating jobs, higher wages and hope for further improvement. Therefore, development can turn previous emigration countries into immigration destinations. Undoubtedly, controls and

development may reduce the differences that generally motivate migration. Nevertheless, the existing reality of widening differences prompts millions of people to cross borders in search of opportunities and brighter future.

The Islamic Republic of Iran has recently been experiencing challenges in the field of migration management; and therefore, it was seriously required to use the experience and abilities of policy makers, academics and other stakeholders to the extent possible. To that end and through the cooperation between the Iranian government and IOM, the Refugees and Migration Academy was established in Iran with the aim of addressing multi-faceted dimensions of migration, which we consider as an outstanding achievement demanding further assistance from the IOM. The Organization has organized different workshops in Iran which have been attended by a large number of experts and stakeholders.

In conclusion, I would like to congratulate the international community for holding the High Level Dialogue last September in New York, which was a demonstration of the genuine will of countries and policy makers for addressing migration phenomenon and its relation with development. We also take this opportunity to express appreciations to the

Government of Belgium for hosting the first Forum next year. We are all aware that governments and organizations have been trying to reduce differences which prompt migration by accelerating growth in sending countries, thus, tackling with the root causes of migration. We also note that the efforts over the past decades have demonstrated that reducing the inequalities which promote migration is a complex task that could not be realized in a short period of time. But we live with the hope that through the enormous efforts of governments and all stakeholders we can achieve our objectives.

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