

Honorable Madam Chairperson,
Mr. Director General,
Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Thank you all present here today for this opportunity to address the 92nd Session of the Council of the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) – a prominent international body, which contributes substantially to a goal of maximizing the benefits of migration.

The efforts of IOM to solve complex problems of social, economic and political development in the sphere of migration have brought positive results.

The Russian Federation as a country of origin, transit and destination for millions of labour migrants appreciates the activities of IOM as a universal and, in many aspects, unique organisation that focuses its work on finding out mutually acceptable solutions to the problems related to migration meeting interests of sending and receiving states as well as people.

We also consider labour migration, both temporary and long-term, as a crucial resource for economic development of the Russian Federation and look forward to increase co-operation with our international partner in this matter.

We also hope that continuation of the process initiated by the High-Level Dialogue on Migration and Development will create a platform for discussion, resulting in better understanding, promoting legal labour migration and curbing irregular one that now affects many countries of the world. We expect it to help build new and productive relationships between governments concerned and international entities, civil society and private sector.

Thank you.