

PRESENTATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF YEMEN
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Mr. President,

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Yemen, I present my deep thanks and appreciation to Mr. Brunson Mckinly, Director General of the International Organization of Migration (IOM), for his great recognized efforts towards ensuring the success of this honourable Council in its 92nd Session.

My Country, Yemen, suffers from the highly increasing pressures derived out of the enormous flows of both legal and illegal immigration to Yemen and through Yemen as well as what is called "Trafficking", and it is distributed as follows:-

- 1) Immigration from the surrounding countries of the Horn of Africa especially Somalia, estimated by thousands people on daily basis,
- 2) Opposite way immigration, as a result of Gulf 2nd war, from Yemen to the neighbouring countries, estimated by million and half,
- 3) Transit immigration through Yemen heading towards rich countries for settlement there, namely the Gulf and the Gulf Cooperation Group Countries (GCC), and also to Europe through the Red Sea and the White Mediterranean Sea.

Mr. President,

The increasing complicated state of immigration problems in my country has led and will lead to further unplanned pressures and responsibilities upon the Government of Yemen in the form of financial expenses which are covered by the government's financial reserve in order to meet settlements and aid operations especially in tragic situations and rescue operations to the immigration flow through the sea,

Further more, Yemen is facing a more dangerous form of immigration hidden behind the name of "Trafficking" which is the movement of terrorism groups through transit channels, the issue that increased the existing security and financial pressures upon the Government in order to keep the internal security situation at the required level on the first hand and to fulfil its commitments towards fighting international terrorism on the second hand.

Mr. President,

The Government of the Republic of Yemen, as a Member State of the International Organization of Migration, would like to express its total satisfaction, recognition and appreciation to the joint cooperation level between our government and the IOM, which has been explained by the IOM in the form of technical and methodical valuable assistance, crowned by the decision of the Organization to open an IOM branch

in Yemen, reflecting the present level of joint development with a further outlook for further future positive developments.

In particular, my government has collaborated closely with IOM in implementing a counter-trafficking project designed to build the capacity of staff working at the newly-established Reception Centre for trafficked children in Haradh on the border with the KSA. Recently a feasibility study on child trafficking from Yemen to Saudi Arabia was conducted in order to devise return and reintegration schemes for trafficked children who transit through the Reception Centre as well as livelihood assistance schemes for their parents and development assistance schemes for their communities,

Infront of the challenges facing the International Organization of Migration, I presented my Country as one of many examples around the world.

At the end, please allow me to confirm upon the following :-

- 1) We welcome the IOM's invitation for discussions between Yemen and the Countries of the Horn of Africa , and we express our total willingness to put all our efforts for the succession of these discussions.
- 2) We shall work together with a high spirit of responsibility and cooperation with IOM in order to fulfill successful IOM's work strategies in our region.
- 3) We shall present all available possibilities for the success of IOM's Mission in Yemen .

Thank you Mr. President.

Geneva , 1st December 2006.

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