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Statement of Bangladesh Delegation General Debate

Thank you Mr. Chair.

I would like to begin by welcoming the new members of the IOM namely, Myanmar, ~~Papua New Guinea~~ and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

Over the years, the discussion on the reality of the nexus between migration and development has gained its legitimacy. We now need to ensure the protection of migrants ^{and} full enjoyment of human rights of migrants. We believe no one would oppose to a state where migration with dignity has its ~~full~~ realization, ^{to the full.}

Mr. Chair My delegation would like to refer with appreciation to the report of the Director General Ambassador Swing presented on Tuesday. We commend the Director General for the arduous efforts he has always exerted in advancing the work of the IOM.

Migration has become a global phenomena. We are happy to note that the Director-general has endeavoured to gain world-wide recognition of migrants – which constitutes one seventh of the human community - nationally, regionally and globally.

We appreciate the focus in the report on the milestones achieved by the organization. We commend the achievements made so far. The organization has emerged as a dynamic entity which has already made significant role in lives of migrants, ^{over the last 4 yrs.} ~~over the past~~ ~~years~~. However, there still remains a long way to walk down in terms of translating our common understanding in concrete deliverables to make difference in the lives of migrants. ^{we recognize the challenges faced by IOM. We feel that our continued political} ~~commitment for substantial resource allocation and innovative ways would be crucial~~ ~~sustaining the work of the organization.~~

Mr. Chair, my delegation has taken note with interest of the account of the increased roles and responsibilities of IOM. We are also happy to note that such engagements of the Organization shows the capacity of the organization to expand its constructive role under the right kind of leadership.

At the same time, we feel that there is a need to find ways whereby the specific responsibilities of different relevant organizations is not duplicated. In this context, we think that as the increased roles and responsibilities assumed by IOM has become a milestone, it may also impose a challenge for the organization.

Mr. Chair, we have taken note with appreciation the presentation of the high road to future in the ^{for presentation} ~~Report~~ of the Director General. My delegation appreciates the Director General for referring to the relationship of IOM with the UN in his presentation, in particular.

One of the vital component of this organization lies on the closer interaction between the governments and the organization and in particular, on the strengthening of the institution. We feel that the strengthened institutionalization of the status of the organization with true ownership of universal membership can reply to the challenges that IOM may face. In particular this would ensure maintaining IOM as the leading international migration agency. With the High Level Dialogue coming up in 11 months' time, we, as Council members should take up the transformation of IOM towards this path.

Mr. Chair, we recognize the challenges faced by IOM. We feel that our continued political commitment for substantial resource allocation and innovative ways would be crucial in sustaining the work of the Organization.

Mr. Chair,
Bangladesh delegation ~~has been~~ supporting the work of the Director General and the Deputy Director General ^{at IOM} and shall continue to do so. As an active member of IOM, we believe IOM's continued support under the able leadership of Ambassador Swing could bring added value to the future of migrants of the world.

