

Thank you Mr. Chairman!

Hungary fully supports the statement delivered by the European Union. At the outset let me welcome the new Chair of the Council Bureau, Ambassador Hannan and let me thank and congratulate Ambassador Strohal for his work as Chair of the Council over the last year. Hungary was happy to support his efforts leading up to the present meeting.

We commend the administration's on-going efforts to adjust the organization's structure and procedures to its larger membership and growing responsibilities. We are confident that the human resources reform, the budget reform and the structural reform will enable IOM to even better address the challenges in human mobility.

I wish to express our satisfaction with IOM's engagement in the international humanitarian response system. As the global lead agency of the Camp Coordination and Camp Management Cluster, IOM has proved its ability to respond successfully to large scale emergencies, such as in Libya and in Syria. We welcome that the recent adoption of the Migration Crisis Operational Framework and the establishment of the Migration Emergency Funding Mechanism will enhance even further existing response capacities.

Hungary appreciates IOM's guidance in the lead-up to the second High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development next year. We are convinced that the World Migration Report 2013 will contribute greatly to the success of this event. We supported financially the publication of the report and would be pleased to host a launch event in Budapest.

Mr. Chairman,

Hungary was honored to welcome Director General Swing to Budapest this year. We are grateful for his visit which allowed us to take stock of the past twenty years, during which the regional office of IOM has carried out valuable work both in Hungary and in neighboring countries. The Director General's presence also made it possible to discuss how to enhance our bilateral cooperation. One possibility we discussed was IOM's potential participation in relevant courses of the National University of Public Service. We would be more than happy to go ahead with such an arrangement and would welcome colleagues from IOM at the National University already for the spring semester of 2013.

Finally, I would like to reiterate Hungary's satisfaction with the way Director General Swing has been steering this organization. We are looking forward to working with him in the future.

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