Thank you Mr. Chair

Mr. Chair I would like first to congratulate you on your election and I would like also to congratulate the vice chairs.

Mr. Chair

As the information and numbers from the IOM and other relevant organizations show, migration will continue to be an important aspect of the lives of hundreds of millions of people all over the world, and it will also be an increasing phenomenon for many decades to come.

Migration will be encouraged by growing population, economical, political and natural forces. This increasing trend of voluntary and forced migration will be confronted by many difficulties that many migrants will face through the migration cycle, pre departure, transit and host countries and when migrant want to go back to resettle in their country.

In that context we believe that there is a continues and increased need for the leading role and involvement of the (IOM) to ensure humane, orderly and save migration for all migrants.

And in that regard we believe that IOM is strongly equipped to continue this highly important task especially after the major reforms that the D.G introduced, and with the professionalism and dedication of the IOM staff.

Mr. Chair

We also believe that there is more to be done especially in the area of cooperation and coordination with other international organizations for IOM to continue its leading and effective role on migration.

And in that regard we look forward to the involvement of IOM in the United Nations General Assembly High Level Dialogue next year and a leading role in the GMG.

More importantly IOM should have a role that complement its mandate in the post-2015 UN development Agenda, an opportunity that should not be missed.

Thank you Mr. Chair