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to UN Office in Geneva**

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*Mr. Chairman,  
Director General,*

Poland with great satisfaction welcomes the excellent cooperation with the International Organization for Migration and its Country Office in Warsaw. We continuously support the efforts of the Organization for the structured, global migration governance, both in the operational field on the basis of applicable agreements, as well as through regular financial support.

Simultaneously, contributing to the activities of the European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the European Union (FRONTEX), and ensuring its proper functioning on our territory, Poland reinforces the efforts of the IOM at the regional and national levels to combat and eliminate phenomena such as illegal migration, exploitation of migrants, and human trafficking.

*Mr. Chairman,*

We recognize the role of the IOM as the leader in the migration field, possessing adequate facilities for implementation of global migration projects and holding the most promising operational potential among existing formal and less formal platforms and institutions which tackle the migration issues. Therefore, Poland strongly supports strengthening of the IOM position on the international stage.

Given the fact, the migration phenomenon contributes significantly to sustainable development, Poland together with other EU states opted to retain the leading position of the IOM also to the UN system during the second High-Level Dialogue on Migration and Development in October. The shape of a new global partnership for development within the framework of the UN post 2015 development agenda will require, inter alia, extended and in-depth approach of the Organization to the human rights of migrants. We believe that as an Organization that has continuously managed the multi-face challenges of migration at the global level, the IOM will be able to rise also to this challenge.

We are convinced that the IOM will participate actively in the joint operations of the international community, aimed towards the development of the future models of global migration governance, including improvement of migration projects coordination and coherence of actions with all the organizations remain in the UN system and beyond.

Such comprehensive approach should become a part of the revised Strategy of the Organization. Revived relation with the UN system must not in any case mean weakening the effectiveness and scope of the IOMs activities. Development of the methodology for the enhanced dimension of IOM-UN relation requires, understandably, to analyse in detail the financial and legal consequences for the Organization.

*Mr. Chairman,*

The report of the Chairman of the Working Group on IOM Budget Reform, of the Standing Committee on Programmes and Finance, in our opinion, captured very well the discussion and the process leading to the reform proposal. We appreciate the efforts and inserted work in order to find for all Member States a compromise durable solution towards the improvement of the Organization's budget. We also understand the need to enhance the financial situation of the IOM, in relation to an increased activity and development of the Organization.

However, we would like to underline that the adoption of the *resolution on funding the core structure* (draft number MC/L/1228) in case of Poland means a real contribution increase by 29,3% over the next 3 years, in comparison to the amount from 2013. Taking into account Poland's current financial capabilities, meeting this new financial obligation will constitute a considerable challenge.

*Mr. Chairman,*

Poland appreciates the effectiveness of the IOMs' activities and its capacity for rapid response to the challenges of nowadays migration, also in relation to humanitarian emergencies in different parts of the world. Therefore, we recognize IOM as an important partner in the dialogue as well as in the international cooperation for mobility and migration. I would like to assure you that Poland will continue its support for the Organization with hope of collaboration in seek for solutions to such complex and multidimensional challenges of migration, current and future ones.

Thank you.