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Mrs. Ekaterina Egrova, State-Secretary - First Deputy Head of the  
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Dear Mr. Chairman, Mr. Director General,  
Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to greet the participants of the 103rd session of the IOM Council on behalf of the delegation of the Russian Federation and congratulate the International Organization for Migration on its successful chairmanship in the Global Migration Group.

Russia continues to be the world's second largest destination country of migrants.

We continue the practical implementation of the Concept of State migration policy of the Russian Federation for the period up to 2025.

The work on the legislative novellas strengthening measures against illegal migration has been completed.

The optimization of law-making instruments in the area of labour migration is being undertaken. We are moving towards a differentiated approach to attracting labor migrants of various qualifications and skills.

We are planning to modify our approaches on issuing permits for temporary and permanent residence in Russia.

A particular emphasis is put on the development of educational migration, with a focus on encouraging the migration of young people willing to associate their future with Russia.

The procedure of granting citizenship of the Russian Federation is being modernized.

Initiatives to simplify the acquisition of citizenship for compatriots are under consideration.

The simplified mechanism for granting citizenship to businessmen, investors, qualified specialists and their family members, as well as graduates of Russian educational institutions is being developed.

The procedure of granting asylum in Russia would be also improved in accordance with the standards of the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees.

We are looking forward to the IOM's participation in the expert evaluation of our legislative initiatives.

Dear colleagues,

The development of programs for adaptation and integration of migrants, with a special emphasis on assistance to migrants in learning the Russian language, as well as basics of migration legislation, cultural traditions and rules of behavior in host countries is increasingly being the focus of all levels of the federal and regional governance.

We are convinced that effective work in this area can help mitigate the risks of intolerance, xenophobia and nationalism.

In conclusion, let me express gratitude to the International Organization for Migration for its considerable contribution to preparation and holding of the

second High-Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development in the United Nations General Assembly in October 2013.

We welcome IOM's participation in the work of the Global Forum on Migration and Development, which we regard as an important international platform for a flexible and modern dialogue on migration issues.

Successful implementation of specific projects in the field of migration and organization of preparatory events to the HLD once again reaffirmed the value of our cooperation with the IOM.

We consider the Organization to be one of our key partners on international migration, recognized for its potential and worldwide authority.

Thank you!