The 96th Session of the IOM Council

Director General’s Summary of Deliberations

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I. Need for Consolidation

3 Priorities

1. Member State ownership

2. Collaborative partnerships

3. Staff professionalism
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I. Need for Consolidation (cont.)

5 Broad Strategic Directions

1. Safeguard IOM’s Comparative Advantage

2. Maintain, further develop cutting-edge activities & programmes

3. Engage cooperatively and thoughtfully in emerging fields

4. Enhance IOM’s policy services to its membership

5. Foster partnerships
II. Strategic Focus

1. 12-point IOM Strategy Paper

2. Observance of IOM’s Mandate
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Particular Emphasis

1. Labour migration

2. Counter-trafficking

3. Capacity Building & Technical Co-operation

4. Emergency Response
III. Economic and Financial Crisis

1. Impact on Migration

2. Monitoring of trends and provision of information to Member States

3. Advice on appropriate policy response mechanisms and activities

4. Focus of attention for the GMG
IV. Human Rights of Migrants

1. Central among concerns of International Community and IOM Membership

2. Central IOM theme in 2009
   (Council, IDM workshops, etc.)
V. Migrants’ Contribution

1. Need to sensitize host country societies on role and contribution of migrants

2. IOM has important role to play
VI. Budget and Structural Reform of IOM

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VI. Budget and Structural Reform of IOM

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2. IOM will work with Member States to incorporate necessary adjustments to budget and structure

3. Predictability and transparency
VII. Regional and Global Consultative Processes

1. Importance of international dialogue and cooperation

2. GFMD/IOM, MOU on Support Unit, 15 December, 2008
VIII. World Migration Report 2008

1. Timely message:

Labour movement at the heart of contemporary mobility

2. Useful resource for policy makers, practitioners, academics, civil society
IX. International Dialogue on Migration

1. Reiterated support for IOM as a venue for sharing of experiences, lessons learned, policy dialogue

2. Constructive discussion on multi-faceted aspects of return migration

3. Consideration of key migration developments

4. Mixed flows: reflection of reality of migration

Fresh approach needed:
- Actual needs
- Practical measures
Looking Ahead

IOM Regional Meetings with DG

3. Asia-Pacific: 5-6 March 2009, Bangkok
4. Western Hemisphere: 26-27 March, 2009 Panama
5. Middle East and Maghreb: 7-8 April, 2009 Cairo
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1. SCPF 4-5 May 2009
2. Excom 23 June, 2009
3. Council Special Session 24-25 June, 2009
4. SCPF 26-27 October, 2009
6. Inter-sessional Workshops 25-26 March & 6-7 July 2009
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