

Statement by Hungary
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Thank you Mr. Chairperson,

[Hungary fully aligns itself with the statement made by the European Union.]

First of all let me thank the Director General for his report on the work of the organization for the year 2014. I would like to express Hungary's satisfaction with IOM's engagement and its swift and well calibrated approach towards the ever-changing patterns in the field of migration, as well as its rapid response, cost-effectiveness and independence. The IOM, as the global lead agency on migration, must keep to these indispensable core values, thus we welcome the **draft resolution on IOM-UN relations**.

We also appreciate the excellent cooperation between IOM and the Hungarian Government during the last two decades. Hungary has taken part in the **Voluntary Return European Network** platform and has been implementing **Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration** programmes, coordinated by the Budapest Office of the IOM that has been running for more than a decade. Hungary has also been cooperating with IOM in the framework of the Budapest Process since its inception, acting now as co-chair of the process, in the frame of which the Silk Routes Partnership has given a new, revitalizing impetus to this regional consultation process.

The **High-Level Dialogue on Migration and Development in New York in October 2013** has confirmed the growing political importance of migration and the role of the IOM as the leading intergovernmental organization committed to promoting humane and orderly migration. The discussions at the High-Level Dialogue have also underlined the strong linkages between migration and development. Therefore, we welcome the reference to migration in the **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**, more precisely that facilitation of orderly, safe, regular and responsible migration and mobility of people is a common goal.

Mr. Chairperson,

We welcome the **IOM Response Plan for the Mediterranean and Beyond** that sets out a comprehensive strategy designed to address the multiple aspects of the migration flows heading towards Europe. One of the most important global migration challenges today is the **crisis in Syria and in the neighbouring countries**. Hungary has been contributing to the humanitarian solutions in numerous occasions, on a bilateral basis and through multilateral channels alike. Since the outbreak of the conflict, Hungary has contributed more than **600,000 EUR** through multilateral channels and bilaterally in cooperation with our NGO partners to the most critical sectors – health, protection, food security – and to the most vulnerable groups, especially children. In addition, Hungary has just decided to provide **3 million EUR** to the EU Regional Trust Fund in Response to the Syrian Crisis (Madad Fund) and **300,000 EUR** for the support of the activities of the World Food Programme in the region.

It is also important to create sustainability and address the root causes of illegal migration in Africa, therefore Hungary decided to contribute **600,000 EUR** to the European Union Emergency Trust Fund for stability and addressing root causes of illegal migration in Africa (EUTF).

Mr. Chairperson,

Last but not least, on behalf of the Hungarian delegation let me thank IOM staff members for their commitment and selfless work and let me express my deepest condolences to the family of a member of IOM's humanitarian team in Burundi.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson!