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Mr Chairperson,

[Sweden aligns itself with the statement made on behalf of the EU and its Member States. We wish, in addition, to say a few words.]

I would like to start by thanking Director-General Swing for his presentation and reiterate Sweden's strong support and appreciation for his firm and dedicated leadership of IOM.

The organization has continued to grow rapidly in all areas. More migrants and countries rely on IOM for assistance. IOM's extensive presence, availability to respond quickly and effectively on the ground, is a great strength. At the same time, Sweden wishes to emphasize the need to contribute to strengthening IOM's resources and capacity so that the organization can play the role we need it to play as the global lead organization for migration.

Last year- inspired by the Director General's use of alliteration – we highlighted three important "S's" – Solidarity, SDG's and System-wide Coherence. This year we wish to underscore three important C's: Cooperation, Compact and Change.

Mr. Chair,

First, on Cooperation. The migration situation is global in nature and solutions can therefore only derive from **cooperation**. The complexity of today's migration situation also demands strengthened **cooperation** between states, within the UN system and among all relevant stakeholders.

The UN High-Level Meeting on the 19th of September marks an important step towards finding innovative and sustainable solutions. The High-Level Meeting was an important step towards increased cooperation and greater sharing of responsibility. Responsibility can be shouldered in many ways, resettlement is one of them. We are committed to expand the Swedish resettlement programme to 5

000 annual places before the end of 2018. At the Leaders' Summit on 20 September we also announced a contribution of 17, 5 million USD to the collaborative work between IOM and UNHCR on the "Emerging Resettlement Countries Joint Support Mechanism (ERCM)"

Second, on the **Compact** on Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration that we have agreed to develop. This is an opportunity to improve our ways to handle the migration situation.

Last year we succeeded in including migration in the 2030 Agenda and through that we have created a framework that can assist us in meeting the challenges ahead and help us foster positive effects of migration on development. The structure of Agenda 2030 and its sustainable development goals can also work as an inspiration for the scope and structure of the future migration compact. The compact should ensure that we deliver on our commitment to "facilitating safe, orderly, regular and responsible migration and mobility of people". One important aspect is fair and ethical labour migration. Labour migration offers opportunities for economic development and acquisition of knowledge and skills. However, this is only possible if migrants receive fair terms of employment, including equal pay. We therefore need to prevent labor exploitation and discrimination of migrants.

As we have said many times before, Sweden supports that IOM has a leading role in the development of the compact. We also see great benefits with Director General Swing serving as the Secretary General of the conference. We would like the Global Compact to adhere to four key characteristics: Innovative, forward-looking, comprehensive and operational. The scope of the compact should be framed within the existing norms and processes. We believe that IOM's extensive experience and expertise in all aspects of migration will contribute to such a compact.

We are now at our third "C": Change. The change of the relationship between the IOM and the UN should be seen as a historic event. Sweden sees this as a beginning of process to improve the coordination and cooperation on migration issues at the global level. We, as Member States, should see this change as an opportunity to reflect on important issues such as the organization's strategy, financing structure and areas of activities to make sure that the IOM is fit for its purpose. We need to keep all the advantages IOM has so in a way it is like di Lampedusa said "everything must change if everything is to stay as it is".

Change is necessary in the way we manage today's migration situation. We need to get away from the idea of that we are rushing to put out a fire in one corner, only then to have to rush again to put out the next one. We need to be forward-looking and innovative.

Mr. Chair,

Let me conclude by reiterating Sweden's appreciation and support for the important role and work of IOM. We look forward to continued fruitful cooperation.

Thank you!