



## Statement of the State of Libya to the IOM 108<sup>th</sup> session

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Mr Chair,

At the outset, allow me on behalf of my delegation, to express thanks and appreciation to the IOM, and its Director General on holding this 108<sup>th</sup> Session.

Mr Chair,

My country works closely with the IOM and partners to seek solutions to the problem of the illegal migration, taking into account that Libya is considered by thousands of illegal migrants as transit country towards the final destination of Europe.

Libya right now is not the stable and safe country to receive such huge number of illegal migrants, although, the Government of National Accord spares no effort to help.

The Government of National Accord reiterates its call on the IOM and other partners to help in dealing with this ongoing illegal migration issue, financially and technically, in a way that keeps the human rights and dignity of those who are exploited by the smuggling or terrorist groups, and find a way to assist them, either to go back home or move to Europe.

The Government of National Accord has requested the Attorney-General to investigate what has been published recently regarding the smuggling trade of illegal migrants somewhere in Libya, and wanted here, to take the opportunity to seek help of the IOM, and other partners to cooperate with the Attorney General of Libya and bring about all information they may have on the issue.

In conclusion, the Government of National Accord is determined to continue the ongoing constructive cooperation with the IOM, and lastly, Libya is highly welcoming the joining of the friendly Republic of Cuba and Cook Islands to the IOM family, and welcomes warmly the State of Kuwait as an observer state.

Thank you.