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Thank you Mme Chair.

UNDP is very pleased to address the IOM's Council at a moment when the UN Secretary-General has embarked on a process of profound and systemic changes aiming to establish a reinvigorated and impactful United Nations Development System.

As stated by the Director General of the IOM during the presentation of his report, this will have major implications for the IOM as well as for all other UN development agencies.

UNDP is fully committed to the transformation called for by the 2030 Agenda for SD and the UN Secretary General's Reforms.

This includes a commitment to enhancing efficiency, effectiveness, coherence and partnerships to deliver better development outcomes, including safe and orderly migration results.

A very important first step was achieved last Tuesday when Member States approved UNDP's 4-year Strategic Plan, setting the directions for a new UNDP.

Guided by the ambition to concretely improve the collective UN support to countries engaged in delivering on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Plan includes a pivot towards strong and open partnerships as well as towards adding value to the work of the UN family.

Country Support Platforms will assist governments to design and implement integrated solutions, providing a space for the UN and other partners to operate.

UNDP looks forward to closely engaging with the IOM as we move forward on UNDS Reform.

It will build on steps already undertaken to strengthen cooperation between both agencies and the lessons learned from some joint initiatives such as the work carried out on mainstreaming migration into national and local development strategies, both at inter-agency policy level and concretely through projects in 10 countries.

Mme Chair,

UNDP is proud to have been the first UN Organization to establish a cooperation framework with IOM upon its entry into the UN family.

The signature last year of a Statement of Intent between the Director-General of IOM and the Administrator of UNDP in the margins of the UN Summit on Refugees and Migrants was proof of the interconnections between development and migration, whether on countries of origin, transit or destination.

Much has been said in this Council about the need to bring together atomized UN expertise in support of a robust implementation of the Global Compact for Migration once it is adopted as well as of the leading role the IOM should play in this regard.

UNDP fully supports these views and looks forward to further develop the IOM-UNDP cooperation based on our comparative advantages for the purposes of implementing the Global Compact for Migration.

Thank you.