

Statement of Libya

Mr. Chairman

Mr. Director General

Excellences

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to join my colleagues in extending our congratulations to the incoming bureau officers and to the Kingdom of Denmark for assuming the chairmanship of the council.

I would also like to extend our appreciation and gratitude to the outgoing Chairman, H. E. The Representative of Ethiopia for his tenure and leadership.

I also echo the welcome to our newest member state, Lebanon, to the ranks of this organization. And welcome the addition of International Commission of Missing Persons, as an observer.

Mr. Chairman,

Libya, aligns itself with the African Group statement, presented by my colleague, H. E. the Representative of Namibia.

WE ALSO ADD OUR REQUEST TO ADD ARABIC AS AN OFFICIAL LANGUAGE.

Let me begin by congratulating the Director General, H. E. Mr. Antonio Vitorino, and his team for their efforts and hard work to make this fine organization more efficient, nimble, agile, and fit for purpose to carry out its mandate.

I would also like to pay special tribute in recognizing Mr. Vitorino's leadership and keen interest in working with this body by building "Consensus", to achieve the desired goals.

IOM has assumed the role of the lead UN Organization today on this ever more important issue of "Migration", and all the various aspects the nature of the issue brings with it.

We recognize the great efforts made at regional and international levels to reduce the risks of negative consequences of irregular migration, as well as reducing human trafficking and exploitation in the path to promote humanitarian principles addressing this phenomenon.

To this end, I would like to take this opportunity to express deep gratitude to (IOM) for the strategic partnership and effective cooperation with the Libyan Government that translates efforts and nature of work on the ground, despite the difficult circumstances and challenges posed by the current situation in Libya.

We salute the good work the ground teams of IOM, UNHCR and others are doing every single day in Libya to help alleviate some of the suffering of the most vulnerable segments of the population.

Mr. Chairman, Excellences

Libya continues to endure a war that is causing deaths and injuries to innocent civilians, Libyans and migrants alike. Destroying important infrastructure, including hospitals, airports and even schools.

My country, Libya, is facing many challenges under the current circumstances of instability and violence which also led to large-scale internal displacement. The latest (IOM) report, of this month, has reported that its Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) has identified 348,372 IDPs, who face scarce basic resources and services under a continuing deteriorating humanitarian situation. This humanitarian crisis has a serious multiplier negative impact on all people on the Libyan territory, whether they are citizens, expatriates or immigrants.

These added challenges are impeding the performance of the Government of National Accord on an already difficult situation. The Director General, in one of his remarks, pointed out that he is well aware of the difficulties and challenges that might face a national government dealing with the issues of migration. These difficulties, are exacerbated for the Libyan Government.

Please allow me Mr. Chairman, to seek through this council, and ask the International Community to intensify its efforts to stop the unilateral intervention in my country by certain countries. The “Proxy” war must stop in Libya. As it is a direct threat to the stability and security of the entire region.

Libya is in need of those tri-steps pointed out by the Director General, (Assistance, Development and Stabilization). These critical steps require real and effective partnership and solidarity from the international community.

In this context, I was pleased to hear some important points raised and expressed by the interventions of several countries during the past couple of days. Australia, recognized the added strain that migration puts on a government. Korea, was so right to call on global cooperation on migration. Belarus, said it so eloquently, when they identified war and conflict as a serious cause for negative impact on migration. We hear and

appreciate the expressed concern by Malta over the in-stability of Libya and how it impacts migration to the European shores. Austria, confirmed what we continue to say every day, there is only political peaceful solution to any protracted conflicts. I strongly agree with the representative of the People's Republic of China, who stressed in his speech, yesterday, that global issues require global cooperation. If I may add, also shared responsibility and solidarity. I also should refer to the statement of the representative of the Republic of Belarus on the need to intensify International efforts to stop conflicts and wars that have serious and negative impacts on many humanitarian aspects, especially migrants. And the German Representative commented, in his panel presentation, by saying that migration is effecting everyone one way or another.

Time has come for the international community to do the right thing that positively impacts every aspect of human life and help resolve some of the major global issues. Nations must take a strong stance against War, Death and Destruction. Libya is a great place to start.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.