



REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

STATEMENT
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Mr. Chair,
Director General Vitorino,
Excellences,
Distinguished Delegates,

At the outset, I would like to congratulate Ambassador Jespersen on his election to the Chair of the 110th IOM Council and to assure His Excellency of our full support and cooperation during his term in office. I would like to congratulate other distinguished Bureau members on their election. My delegation also expresses sincere appreciation to the outgoing Chairperson for his contribution and excellent work during his term in office. We welcome the Lebanese Republic as new member and the International Commission on Missing Persons as observer of IOM.

Mr. Chair,

The Director General's report presented yesterday is comprehensive in dealing with the challenges associated with international migration and we would like to thank DG Vitorino for this.

Organized and managed migration has always remained a positive force to produce global common good and shared values. My country has joined the UN General Assembly resolution on the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration almost a year ago, thus expressing its awareness of the challenges and opportunities, migration could have. There are some priorities, which can be traced from the very essence of the Global Compact on Migration, and which are of utmost importance for my country, namely: enhancing the availability and flexibility of pathways for regular migration; empowering migrants and the whole society to realize full inclusion and social cohesion; investing in skills development and facilitate mutual recognition of skills, qualifications and competences; creating conditions for migrants and diaspora to fully contribute to the sustainable development of the country; managing the country's border in an integrated, secure and coordinated manner; preventing, combating and eradicating trafficking in persons.

To confirm our strong interest and ownership of the GCM, comes the fact that the Republic of Moldova is advanced with either already assuming a number of relevant commitments or registering progress with implementing a number of activities under a range of GCM objectives. We believe that the full realization of the objective 23 ("Strengthen international cooperation and global partnerships for safe, orderly and regular migration") will allow us to implement many of the other objectives, by

cooperating with other States, involving and supporting local authorities, while making use of the future Capacity-Building Mechanism.

We greet the establishment of the United Nations Network on Migration, and count on it for effective and coherent support. We appreciate an enhanced role for IOM under the Network and call for its practical facilitation in mobilizing a coherent joint action under a One-UN approach at country level, account being taken of the on-going UN reform.

To briefly present some instruments, we have developed and will be using to implement the Compact, I would mention a mechanism for mainstreaming migration into development strategies and policies, in form of a network of migration and development focal points based in all the central and local level authorities of my country, coordinated by a governmental inter-institutional body. To support policy coherence and the mainstreaming effort, a Monitoring and Evaluation framework was established, based on guidance and results of the IOM-developed Migration Governance Indicators.

The Republic of Moldova implemented the IOM methodology for producing 6 editions of the *Extended Migration Profile* Report, underpinning the development of evidence-based comprehensive migration policies. We have established a *Labour Market observatory*, to assess the needs, gaps and opportunities related to labour migration. Moldova recently has concluded bilateral labour migration and social protection agreements with 13 destination countries of Moldovan migrants.

For the future, we plan to put in place a number of other instruments, counting on our partners support for:

- Up-grading of the existing Integrated Electronic System on Migration and Asylum,
- Improving the legal and regulatory framework of the private recruitment sector, and adopting the IOM's concept of the International Recruitment Integrity System (IRIS),
- Mechanism for assessment and recognition of informal skills gained abroad by Moldovan migrants,
- Circular labour migration agreements, schemes and programs,
- To enhance the system of incentives to retain and promote the return of migrants, and nationally owned reintegration services for returning migrants (remittances matching programs like PARE 1+1 and DAR 1+3, Diaspora Excellence Groups, Diaspora Engagement Hub, and others),
- To increase access to integration and social services to regular migrants.

Mr. Chair,

Let me conclude by reiterating our support and appreciation for the work of the IOM under the leadership of DG Vitorino, and we look forward to continue our fruitful cooperation.

Thank you for your attention.