

**Statement by Romania at the 110th Session of the IOM Council  
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Mr. Chairperson,  
Director General,  
Distinguished Delegates,

- The Romanian delegation fully aligns itself with the statement by the European Union and, at the same time, would like to present the following statement in a national capacity.
- We would like to thank Director General Vitorino for his efforts and his leadership of the IOM during his first year of the mandate, a year that was eventful and has seen profound modifications and evolutions in the Organization and a necessary and continuous expansion of its activities. As a part of the UN family, IOM needs to continue to adapt to the imperatives of this affiliation. As the Coordinator of the United Nations Network on Migration – that will hold its first annual meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> of December this year - IOM has to be able to provide the necessary assistance for a coherent and concerted action in the implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration. In the same capacity, IOM has to be able to ensure the effective support of the regional Global Compact review that will take place next year.
- In this context, we consider of the utmost importance that the Organization should continue to preserve its unique operations character, with a strategic review of its priorities and all the necessary reforms that will strengthen the organization and will consolidate its transparency, accountability and leadership.

Mr. Chairperson,

- Conventional wisdom has it that no state can manage migration alone. We all agree that migration has become a phenomenon of global scale and, for this precise reason it has to continue to be managed on a global level and with global solutions. The Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, almost a year after its adoption, remains the main international

instrument for making migration safe, orderly and regulated, fighting human trafficking and smuggling, managing borders and facilitating return.

Mr. Chairperson,

- During its mandate as Presidency of the EU Council, Romania placed high importance on the negotiations and discussions regarding all the three dimensions of the EU comprehensive approach in the migration area: the external dimension, the internal one and the increased protection of the external border of the Union.
- In this respect, also based on the collaboration with the UNHCR and IOM for defining new concepts, discussions were held in various formats on the concept of "temporary arrangements", in order to address the crisis situations in a structured manner.
- We have tried to make this concept as effective as possible, so that it can be successfully implemented. We should build upon these efforts in the upcoming months, especially since some details referring to the effectiveness of such a mechanism have already been addressed and clarified in that context.

Mr. Chairperson,

- Romania, as an emerging donor, is committed and will continue to support the actions and programs developed and implemented by IOM.
- Our work together, through the OIM national bureau in Bucharest, has encompassed assisted voluntary return and reintegration, integrated services for migrants, in the form of social and cultural dialogue designed to support the socio-economic and cultural integration of the migrants in our society.
- We would like to thank IOM, and the UNHCR, for the support provided for the resettlement of 109 Syrian refugees from Turkey and Jordan. IOM has been instrumental in providing the logistical support in the two countries, organizing orientation sessions, operating the transfer to Romania, facilitating accommodations and maintaining a close cooperation with the Romanian authorities.
- Last, but not least, we have adopted the national legal framework in order to establish new resettlement commitments for the period 2020-2021. We are having in mind 200 persons to be resettled in the mentioned period.

Thank you Mr. Chairperson.