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Mr. President,

At the outset I would like to congratulate you; Excellency on your election as Chairman of the Council, wishing you all the best. I am pleased to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to His Excellency Mr. António Vitorino, Director General of IOM, and all staff of the Organization for their outstanding efforts during this difficult circumstances.

Mr. President

This meeting comes and my country Yemen is still going through exceptional circumstances because of the war imposed by the Houthi militias on the Yemeni people, which led the country to a complete economic collapse and a catastrophic deterioration in the humanitarian aspect, where 86% of Yemenis, (nearly 24.1 million people) are in need of humanitarian assistance due to the lack of food, medicine and water. As a result of these tragic conditions, the number of displaced Yemenis has risen to nearly **4 million**, including **66,499** displaced families since 2020. It is also estimated that the number of Yemeni immigrants abroad

due to this war has reached **one million**. Despite all these challenges, Yemen continues to receive an unprecedented influx of illegal immigrants from the Horn of Africa through the Gulf of Aden and the Red Sea, as a transit station to other countries. During the Corona pandemic, the Yemeni government has taken a number of measures to limit the movement in the country to prevent the transmission of the virus, however the flows of illegal immigrants has continued, exacerbating the financial, security and economic burdens placed on the Yemeni government, which has been suffering for five years.

Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen,

The phenomenon of illegal migration from the Horn of Africa to the Yemeni coasts has recently become a source of concern that threatens the national security of the Republic of Yemen. In this regard, the Yemeni government calls for intensified work, and a comprehensive inventory of the arrivals, through an identifications of those who meet the conditions of asylum, to remain under UNHCR's responsibility.

Mr president ,

The Republic of Yemen reiterates the importance of adopting an effective system for identifying needs through the International Organization for Migration to implement a comprehensive and continuous process to identify the needs of the most affected groups and regions, given the importance of this in achieving effectiveness when implementing the organization's programs.

Yemen would recall the importance of the organization's effective and comprehensive process in evaluating and following up on its programmes and projects and the performance of its local and international partners, as this will contribute to the modification of the organization's plans and programmes whenever needed.

In conclusion, the Republic of Yemen reaffirms that the effective solution for the continued influx of refugees and migrants lies in addressing the root causes, and strengthening cooperation and coordination between the relevant countries.

Thank you