

IOM Council 112th session

Statement on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement

Dear Mr. Chairman,

I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.

The NAM Member States recognize the importance of addressing the issue of migration through international, regional, bilateral cooperation and dialogue and through a comprehensive, balanced, coordinated and coherent approach. We also underline that migration and development should be addressed comprehensively, mindful of their economic, social and environmental dimensions and include cultural and human perspectives.

The NAM Member States support effective promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms of all migrants regardless of their migration status in conformity with the relevant international human rights instruments to which they are Parties. This includes the crucial importance of combating racism, discrimination, xenophobia and other forms of hatred against migrants.

NAM underlines the importance of “constructive engagement” and dialogue in the process of implementing the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration. We look forward to the International Migration Review Forum due to take place in May 2022.

NAM acknowledges the historical contribution of international migration to nations and reaffirms the responsibility of governments to safeguard and protect the rights of migrants.

NAM Member States underlines the importance of addressing the complex and varied root causes of migration including through addressing the development dimension in international migration policies.

We express our strong condemnation at the promulgation and application of unilateral coercive measures against Member States of the Movement, that are applied in violation of the Charter of the United Nations and international law, further express our support, in accordance with international law, to the States affected by such measures, and urge the international community to adopt urgent and effective measures to eliminate the use of such measures, that are inconsistent with the principles of international law or the Charter of the United Nations, with a view to ensure the effectiveness of national responses to COVID-19 pandemic.

The importance of global cooperation on migration became even higher with the spread of the Covid-19 pandemic posing challenges not only on health matters but also on the economic well-being of migrants and other people in vulnerable situations. The pandemic has also impacted over 200 million migrant workers and in turn many economies in the world. We call on all stakeholders to take all the measures necessary to address the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on migrant

workers, and to continue to support them and their families in response to the economic and social challenges that they face.

We would like to stress that the IOM remains the main partner of the majority of NAM countries in migration cooperation. We highly appreciate the work done by the IOM in addressing key issues of migration, particularly through the implementation of various projects in the NAM countries, aimed at a better understanding of migration patterns and needs of migrants. To this end, NAM countries look forward to robust exchanges of experiences including national priorities during the International Migration Review Forum in May 2022.

Mr. Chairman,

On behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement, I would like to assure you of the support of the NAM to the activities of IOM on addressing the issues of global migration.

Thank you.