

## **Statement by H.E. Ambassador Li Song at the 112<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of the IOM**

Madam Chair,

Fellow delegates,

The Chinese delegation appreciates DG and his team for their assistance to member states in the fight against pandemic. While the world is facing new threat of outbreak, we believe IOM will meet new challenges and continue to play its important role. I'd like to make a few points:

Firstly, enhance international cooperation. We should continue to uphold the UN-centered international system and strengthen the leadership role of IOM in global migration affairs. We should also lend more support to developing countries and ensure vaccine accessibility and affordability.

Secondly, improve international migration governance. The GCM needs to be implemented in line with the principle of state sovereignty and bearing in mind respective national conditions.

Thirdly, address migration issues from development perspective. We should strengthen coordination and prioritize measures of sanitation for cross-border personnel with a view to preventing further spread of the pandemic. Furthermore, when we resume our normal life and production, measures should be taken to facilitate immigrants' participation in this process.

Last but not least, special attention has to be paid to some of the phenomenon which runs counter to the global efforts to solve the migration problems, such as deflecting responsibilities, stigmatizing, spreading misinformation, or even instigating pandemic-related racial discrimination and crimes. We need to

create a fair living environment for migrants by firmly opposing any pandemic-related stigmatization or politicization.

China has made tremendous efforts and managed to bring the pandemic under control. In the meantime, we launched large-scale emergency humanitarian operations, and acting on the pledge to make vaccines a global public good, provided over 1.7 billion doses of vaccines to more than 110 countries and international organizations. We introduced policies and measures to help foreign visitors manage their stay and provided medical treatment service for them all.

Chinese President Xi Jinping recently put forward the Global Development Initiative at the 76th Session of the UN General Assembly, calling for global development that is strong, green and sound. Let's work together towards the implementation of the Global Development Initiative, and make migrants both contributors and beneficiaries of sustainable development.