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Statement

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Madam Chair,

At the outset, I would like to congratulate you on your election and the new members of the Bureau. My delegation assures you of our full cooperation and support. Let me also express our appreciation to the Director-General and his team for the informative report and their efforts in promoting the role and capacity of IOM at this critical juncture.

The Islamic Republic of Iran has been a transit route as well as a destination for displaced persons and migrants, including irregular migrants from neighboring countries, in particular brothers and sisters from Afghanistan who have taken refuge in their neighbor during the past 4 decades. Iran has done its utmost to provide them with livelihood, access to job opportunities, free and inclusive education for children, health services and the Universal Public Health Insurance (UPHI), and COVID-19 related assistance.

According to the Iranian authorities as of October 2021, more than 1.6 million people on the move who reside in Iran, regardless of their legal status, have been vaccinated mostly by Iranian resources. Iran has yet to receive adequate humanitarian supports from the international organizations and other relevant stockholders to fully vaccinate the huge number of this vulnerable population.

Iran, has endured exorbitant in dealing with the plight of the people on the move for the past decades, and the contribution of the international community just cover less than 5 percent of financial costs of protection of the people on the move in Iran and we pay more than 95 percent single-handedly.



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Madam Chair,

My delegation while appreciating all efforts done to establish the “IOM Comprehensive Action Plan for Afghanistan and Neighboring Countries”, looks forward to working with IOM on improvement and implementation of the Action plan.

The current situation in Afghanistan is very volatile vulnerable, and indeed, prone to escalation and devastating humanitarian consequences for Afghanistan and the region. The influx of displacement is looming and we must enable the delivery of more and humanitarian assistance to Afghans, especially ahead of winter. Humanitarian assistance must be mobilized now, immediately not only for inside Afghanistan but for neighboring countries of destination.

In consequence of recent developments in Afghanistan, more than 300,000 Afghans have been entered my country and instead of international financial and humanitarian support, Iran has got just more unilateral sanctions, and international humanitarian bodies have remained silent and indifferent on these inhuman measures. Iran's capacity to protect people on the move has been strained by unilateral coercive measures that have also severely narrowed humanitarian space.

Madam Chair,

With respect to the organization, we have come a long way to ensure a fit-for-purpose organization centered on efficiency, effectiveness, accountability, and transparency. We hope that the IOM would help promote a well-balanced and inclusive approach to equitable geographical representation towards managing international migration in a way to reduce inequality within and among countries.

Let me seize the opportunity to congratulate both new Director-General Deputies and wish them all success in the discharge of their important responsibilities.

I Thank you.