

**Statement by Ambassador Ali Mahmoud, Sudan Permanent Representative
at the 112th session of the IOM Council**

Under Item 12: General debate

Thank you Chair

Honorable Antonio Vitorino Director General International Organization for Migration

Honorable Chair and vice chair

Excellencies

Good afternoon

My delegation aligns itself with the statement presented on behalf of the African Group.

I would like to congratulate you on your election as President of the Bureau of the Council and to extend my congratulation to the rest of the members.

I would also like to express thanks and gratitude to the, outgoing President, and other members of the Bureau, for the great work, especially during the pandemic.

Chair,

Allow me to congratulate IOM on the occasion of its 70th anniversary of its establishment and I take this opportunity to express thanks and gratitude for the exceptional work that has been undertaken towards the mitigation of migration issues.

I would like to congratulate the Director General of the IOM for his leadership and for his continues efforts towards ensuing safe, orderly and regular migration and for his efforts towards the reform of IOM.

Chair

The COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated the existing inequalities in the world of work and in health services; it put pressure on government's capacities to mitigate migration issues. Equitable access to covid-19 vaccines cannot be

overemphasized; migrants and refugees have the right to access to vaccines and the therapeutics, in this regard I would like to emphasize the importance of coordination with partners like WHO, ILO, and other stakeholders, as well as governments to ensure that migrants are protected.

COVID-19 pandemic has had an unprecedented impact on border management and human mobility, and the ramifications of travel measures aimed at limiting the spread of the pandemic for migrants are affecting livelihood. Sudan stresses the importance of coordination and cooperation amongst the international community in the process of making travel requirements and measures.

Chair

Instability remains a key element to migration and irregular migration, the promotion of peace, security and human rights and addressing root causes are key towards ensuring safe, orderly and regular migration.

Sudan is a country of origin, transit, and destination and is a host country for both a temporary and a long-term to a large population of refugees and asylum seekers and I would like to express thanks for the continues support of IOM and the international community and reiterate Sudan's commitment to the implementation of The Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration.

Thank you chairperson