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Mr. Chair

Director-General and Deputy Directors General

Excellencies,

Distinguished delegates,

Good morning to you all!

Let me begin by welcoming you Ambassador Lansana Gberie for assuming the chair of the IOM council. We appreciate the leadership of Ambassador Madam Catalina Devandas Aguilar during the last year. We congratulate Barbados as the new member of the IOM. We commend the Director-General for presenting a detailed report and updates on the current activities.

Mr. Chair,

Bangladesh, as a migrant-sending country, a host of over a million forcibly displaced Myanmar nationals, and a climate-vulnerable country works with IOM in different areas of its operations. From this experience, we underline continued importance of IOM in quality human mobility and robust migration governance.

In June this year, we joined the consensus on the significant budget reform. Bangladesh had earlier demonstrated her commitment and made significant contribution to the Migration Emergency Funding Mechanism despite her constraints. We believe this recent reform will help make it more agile, fit-for-purpose and efficient.

Mr. Chair,

Regrettably, politics of fear and mistrust are increasingly influencing the international migration discourse at a time of rise of extreme nationalism. Migrants are facing negative stereotyping and continue to face multifarious

challenges in their destination countries. IOM needs to enhance its activities in protecting migrant workers' rights in destination countries particularly in the event of unforeseen shocks and emergencies. We also look forward to IOM's continued leadership in the broader implementation of the Global Compact on Migration (GCM) in the coming years.

Mr. Chair,

We appreciate IOM for arranging High Level segment focusing the interlinkages between climate change, food security, migration, and development. We hope that momentum of this High-Level segment would be carried forward by the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) and other relevant platforms towards creating an appropriate framework to address the needs of climate migrants.

The Sharm el-Sheikh implementation plan adopted at the Conference of Parties of UNFCCC has accepted devastating impact on the lives and livelihoods of local communities which lead to displacement and human mobility- internally and externally. We would encourage the IOM to take advantage of this consensus and push its strategic objectives, as has been agreed at the Institutional Strategy on Migration, Environment and Climate Change for the decade 2021-30.

We would expect IOM to show due determination on development of:

- i. Solutions for people to move (including ethical recruitment of labour migrants and simplifying migration systems),
- ii. Solutions for the people on the move (including protecting rights of migrants, and
- iii. Solutions for people to stay in the original places of abode (including addressing drivers and triggers of displacements).

We demand a rights-based approach and human security approach to guide IOM's operations towards quality migration in the post-pandemic era. This is more needed in the time of deepening social unrests and conflicts as well as climate related disasters and resultant displacements.

I thank you.

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