



Mission Permanente de la République de Cabo Verde

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Mr. Chair,

At the outset, we would like to congratulate you, Mr. Chair, and the other Members of the Bureau on your election.

The delegation of Cabo Verde begins by expressing to Barbados a warm welcome as a member of the Organisation.

Our compliments and thanks to Mr. António Vitorino, Director General, and his team for their comprehensive report, of which we take note with some concern, such is the magnitude of the challenges that multiply as various crises to which the Organisation must respond are occurring.

However, there has also been much progress and IOM has worked tirelessly to respond to the many current and global challenges affecting millions of people, preventing or compelling them to move within the country or abroad.

We note with appreciation that the measures taken by the Organization to strengthen resilience by creating conditions in the most vulnerable countries to withstand crises and adverse natural phenomena, and to

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promote mobility through mechanisms that ensure safe and orderly migration, have protected and benefited thousands of people in various regions.

Mr. Chair,

As an island nation located in the Sahelian region, traditionally of emigration derived from climatic consequences and the limited economic development and, more recently, also a country of immigration, Cabo Verde has sought to address these two phenomena - climate change and migration - through planned and concerted actions and reforms in its migration policy.

Migration is included in the country's Strategic Plan for Sustainable Development, with focus to social inclusion measures and combating social inequalities, and policies for the integration of immigrant families. During the state of emergency that resulted from the Pandemic, immigrants and foreigners were registered in the Single Social Registry (*Cadastro Social Único*), an instrument for the identification and characterisation of the socio-economic impact of the vulnerable population in Cabo Verde, in addition to other social mitigation measures that transversally benefited immigrants in vulnerable situations.

The Government of Cabo Verde considers the Diaspora a strategic resource for the economic, social and cultural development of the country. As such, their integration and empowerment in their host countries is of paramount importance, so that they can make their contribution both in financial terms and in terms of the transfer of knowledge to Cabo Verde in a wide variety of development areas.

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We note the commitment of IOM's leadership to put into practice the outcomes of the Global Diaspora Summit to create conditions for the mobilization of migrant and diaspora capital and to improve conditions for their economic and financial empowerment and inclusion.

On this occasion, we would like to thank the IOM for all the support it has provided to Cabo Verde, which has had a major impact especially on border control management, civil identification and documentation of immigrants.

Mr. Chair,

In order to meet the challenges of contemporary migration phenomena, IOM must continue its reform and institutional development efforts to better respond to the needs of migrants, displaced persons and their communities.

Lastly, the delegation of Cape Verde would like to join the voices that expressed appreciation to those countries that have been contributing to the Multipartner Trust Fund and thus enabling the implementation of the various activities carried out in favour of persons and communities living in situations of profound vulnerability.

Thank you very much.

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